



England. Elizabeth. Queen.
Anno xxiii. Regina Elizabethæ.

At this present Sessi-
on of Parliament by prorogation holden
at VVestminster the xvj. day of Ia-
nuarie, in the xxiii. yeere of the reigne of our most
gratious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of
Englande, France, and Irelande, Queene, defender of the
Faith, &c. and there continued vntill the xviii. day of March following.

To the high pleasure of Almighty God, and the
weale publique of this Realme, were
enacted as followeth.

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don by Christopher Barker, Printer to
the Queenes most excellent Maiestie.

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God saue the Queene.

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An acte to reteyne the

*Queenes Maiesties Subiectes in their
due obedience.*

Chapter. i.



HERE sithence the statute made in the xiii. yeere of the reigne of the Queene our soueraigne Lady, entituled, An Act against the bringing in and putting in execution of Bulles, writings, and Instruments, and other superstitious things from the Sea of Rome, diuers evil affected persons haue practised, contrary to the meaning of the saide Statute, by other meanes then by Bulles, or Instruments, written or printed, to withdraue diuers the Queenes Maiesties subiectes from their naturall obedience to her Maiestie, to obey the said blurped auctoritie of Rome, and in respect of the same, to perswade great numbers to withdraue their due obedience to her Maiesties lawes, established for the due seruice of Almighty God.

For reformation whereof, and to declare the true meaning of the saide lawe: Be it declared, and enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all persons whatsoever, which haue, or shal haue, or shal pretend to haue power, or shal by any wayes or meanes, put in practise to absolue, perswade, or withdraue any of the Queenes Maiesties subiects, or any within her highnes Realmes and Dominions, from their naturall obedience to her Maiestie, or to withdraue them for that intent from the religion now by her highnes auctoritie established within her highnes Dominions, to the Romish religion, or to moue them, or any of them, to promise any obedience to any pretended auctoritie of the Sea of Rome, or of any other Prince, State, or Potentate, to be had or used within her Dominions, or shal doe any ouert Acte, to that intent or purpose, and euery of them, shalbe to all in-

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tentes adiudged to be traitors: and being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall have iudgement, suffer and forfeite, as in case of high treason. And if any person shall after the end of this Session of Parliament, by any meanes be willingly absolved, or withdrawn as aforesaid, or willingly be reconciled, or shall promise any obedience to any such pretended authoritie, Prince, State or Potentate, as is aforesaid: that then every such person, their procurers and counsellors thereunto, being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall be taken, tryed and iudged, and shall suffer and forfeite, as in cases of high treason.

And be it likewise enacted and declared, that all and every person and persons, that shall wittingly be aiders, or maintainers of such persons so offending as is above expessed, or of any of them knowing the same, or which shall conceale any offence aforesaid, and shall not within twentie dayes at the furthest, after such persons knowledge of such offence, disclose the same to some Justice of peace, or other higher officer, shall be taken, tryed and iudged, and shall suffer and forfeite as offenders in misprision of treason.

And be it likewise enacted, that every person which shall say or sing Masse, being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall forfeite the summe of CC. markes, and be committed to prison in the next gaole, there to remaine by the space of one yeere, and from thenceforth till he haue payd the sayd summe of CC. markes: and that every person which shall willingly heare Masse, shall forfeite the summe of one hundredeth markes, and suffer imprisonment for a yeere.

Be it also further enacted, by the authoritie aforesayde, that every person above the age of xvi. yeeres, which shall not repaire to some Church, Chappel or vsual place of common prayer, but forbear the same, contrary to the tenor of a statute made in the first yeere of her Maiesties reigne, for vniiformitie of common prayer, and being thereof lawfully conuicted, shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for every moneth after the end of this Session of Parliament, which he or she shall so forbear, twentie poundes of lawfull English money: and that ouer and besides the said forfeitures, every person so forbearing, by the space of xii. moneths as aforesaid, shall for his or her obstinacie, after certificate thereof in writing made into the Court, commonly called the Kinges Benche, by the Ordinarie of the Diocesse, a Justice of assise and Gaole deliuerie, or a Justice of peace of the Countie where such offender shall dwell or be, be bound with two sufficient sureties in the summe of two hundredeth pound at the least to the good behauour,

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behaviour, and so to continue bound untill such time as the persons so bound do conforme themselves, and come to the Church, according to the true meaning of the sayde statute made in the sayd first yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne.

And be it further enacted, that if any person, or persons, body politike, or corporate, after þe feast of Pentecost next coming, shall keepe or maintaine any Scholemaster, which shall not repaire to Church as is aforesaid, or be allowed by the Bishop or Ordinarie of the Diocesse, where such Scholemaster shalbe so kept, shall forfeite and lose for every moneth so keeping him, ten poundes.

Þrouded, that no such Ordinarie or their ministers, shal take any thing for the sayde allowance) And such Scholemaster or teacher presuming to teach contrary to this act, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shalbe disabled to be a teacher of youth, and shall suffer imprisonment without baile or mainprise for one yeere.

And be it likewise enacted that all and every offences, against this acte, or against the actes of the first, fift, or xiii. yeeres of her Maiesties reigne, touching acknowledging of her Maiesties supreme gouernement in causes ecclesiasticall, or other matters touching the seruice of God, or comming to Church, or establishingment of true religion in this Realme, shall and may be inquirable, aswell before Iustices of peace, as other Iustices named in the same statutes within one yeere and a day after every such offence committed: any thing in this acte or in any other act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Be it likewise enacted, that Iustices of Oyer and Terminer, and Iustices of assise, and of Gaole deliuerie, in their seuerall limits, shall haue power to enquire, heare and determine of all offences against this statute: and Iustices of peace in their open quarter Sessions of peace, shal haue power by vertue of this act to enquire, heare and determine of all offences against this acte, (except treason, and misprision of treason.)

Þrouded alway, that every person guilty of any offence against this statute other then treason, and misprision of treason, which shall before he be thereof indicted, or at his arraignment, or triall before iudgement, submit, and conforme himselfe before the Bishop of the Diocesse where he shalbe resident, or before the Iustices where he shalbe indicted, arraigned, or tryed, (hauing not before made like submission at any his tryall being indicted for his first like offence) shall vpon his recognition of such submission in open assises or sessions of þe Countie where such person shalbe resident, be discharged, of all and every the said offences against this acte

acte (except treason and misprision of treason) and of all paines and forfeitures for the same.

Amplius qd lxx pfectus
 And be it likewise enacted, that all forfeitures of any summes of money limited by this act, shalbe deuided in thre equal parts, whereof one thirde part shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie to her owne vse; one other thirde part to the Queenes Maiestie for reliefe of the poore in the parish where the offence shalbe comitted, to be deliuered by warrant of the principall officers in the receipt of the Eschequer, without further warrant from her Maiestie; and the other thirde part to such person as will sue for the same in any Court of Record by action of Debt, bill, plaint, or information, in which suite no Cessawe, Protection, or wager of law shalbe allowed: And that every person which shall forfeite any summes of money by vertue of this act, and shall not be able, or shall faile to pay the same within three moneths after iudgement thereof giuen, shalbe committed to prison, there to remaine, vntill he haue payd the sayde summes, or conforme himselfe to goe to Church, and there doe as is aforesaid.

Imprimis p'p'nd in p'p'nd
 Provided also, that every person, which usually on the Sunday shall haue in his or her house the diuine seruice which is established by the law in this Realme, and be thereat himselfe or her self usually or most commonly present, and shall not obstinately refuse to come to Church, and there to doe as is aforesaid, and shall also foure times in the yeere at the least be present at the diuine seruice in the Church of the parish where he or she shalbe resident, or in some other open common Church or such Chappell of ease, shall not incurre any paine or penaltie limited by this act for not repairing to Church.

Subiunctum qd de p'p'nd in p'p'nd
in p'p'nd or p'p'nd
q' p'p'nd
against p'p'nd
q' p'p'nd
 And be it likewise enacted and declared, that every graunt, conueyance, bond, iudgement, and execution, had, or made, since the beginning of this Session of Parliament, or hereafter to be had, or made, of couenous purpose to defraude any interest, right or title, that may or ought to grow to the Queene, or to any other person by meane of any conuiction or iudgement, by vertue of this statute, or of the said statute of the sayd xlii. yeere, shalbe, and be adiudged to be vtterly boide against the Queene, and against such as shall sue for any part of the saide penalties in forme aforesaid.

For lxx q' p'p'nd
 Provided alway, that if any Peere of this Realme shall happen to be indicted of any offence made treason or misprision of treason by this act, he shall haue his tryall by his Peeres, as in other like cases is accustomed.

Provided also, that neither this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned

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conteyned, shall extend to take away or abbridge the auctoritie or iurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Censures for any cause or matter, but that the Archbishops and Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Judges may do & proceede, as before the making of this acte they lawfully did or might haue done, any thing in this act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte against seditious

wordes and rumours, vttered against the
Queenes most excellent
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Whereas in and by the lawes & statutes of this Realme already made & ordeyned against seditious wordes and rumours, vttered against the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there is not sufficient and condigne punishment provided for to suppress the malice of such as be euill affected towardes her highnesse: Be it therefore enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that if any person or persons, after the ende of fortye dayes next ensuing the ende of this present Session of Parliament, shall aduisedly, and with a malicious intent of his or their owne imagination, speake any false, seditious, & slanderous newes, rumours, sayings or tales against our sayde most naturall Soueraygne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie (that now is,) That then al, and euery such person and persons so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted or attainted, in foure hereafter in this present act expressed, shall for euery such first offence, eyther be in some market place within the Shyre, Citie, or Borough where the sayde wordes were,

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were, or shalbe so spoken, set openly vpon the Pillorie, by y^e Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie, or towne corporate: And if it shall happen to be within any citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue both his cares cut off, or at the election of the offendour pay two hundred pounds to the Queenes Highnesses vse in her Maiesties receipt of the Exchequer, within two monethes next after the iudgement giuen of his saide offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of sixe moneths after such his or their conuiction, without bayle or maynpryse.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euery person and persons, which after the ende of the sayde fourtie dayes, shall aduisedly and with a malicious intent against our saide Soueraigne Lady repozte any false, seditious & slaunderous newes, rumours, or tales to the sclander and defamation of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie (that nowe is) of the speaking or reporting of any other, that then all and euery such person or persons so reporting, being thereof conuicted and attaynted in fourme hereafter in this act expessed, shall for euery such first offence, eyther be in some market place within the Shire, Citie, Borough, or Towne where the saide wordes were, or shalbe so reported, set openly vpon the Pillorie by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to bee without any citie or towne corporate, and if it shall happen to be within any citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or their ministers, and there to haue one of his cares cut off, or at the election of the offendour pay two hundred markes to the Queenes highnesses vse, in her Maiesties saide receite of the Exchequer, within two moneths next after the iudgement giuen of his saide offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of thre moneths after such his or their conuiction, without baile or mainpryse.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, once lawfully conuicted for any of the offences aforesayde, do afterwarde eschewen offende in any of the offences aforesayde, that then euery such seconde offence to bee deemed and adiudged felonie, and the offendour and the offendours therein, to suffer such paynes of death and forfaiture as in case of felonie, without any benefite of Cleargie, or sanctuarie to be allowed vnto the offender in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if

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if any person or persons, after the ende of the sayde fourtie dayes, either within this Realme, or in any other the Queenes dominions, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, shall aduisedly and with a malicious intent against our sayd Soueraigne Lady, deuise, and write, print, or set forth any maner of booke, ryme, ballade, letter or writing, contayning any false, seditious, and sclanderous matter to the defamacion of the Queenes Maiestie, (that now is) or to the incouraging, stirring or mouing of any insurrection or rebellio within this Realme, or any the dominions belonging to the same, or if any person or persons after the ende of the saide fourtie dayes, eyther within this realme or other the Queenes dominions, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, shal aduisedly, and with a malicious intent against our said Soueraigne Lady, procure or cause any such booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or writing, to be written, printed, published or set forth, and the sayde offence not beyng punishable by the statute made in the fīue and twentieth peece of the reigne of king Edward the thirde concerning treason, or declaration of treason, or by any other statute whereby any offence is made or declared treason: That then euery such offence shall be deemed and adiu'dged felonie, and the offendours therein being thereof convicted and attaynted, shall suffer such paines of death and forfeiture, as in case of felonie is bīed, without any benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie to be allowed vnto the offendour in that behalfe.

And for that diuers persons wickedly disposed, and forgetting their duetie and allegiance, haue of late not only wished her Maiesties death, but also by diuers meanes practised and sought to know howe long her Highnesse shoulde liue, and who shoulde reigne after her decease, & what changes and alterations shoulde thereby happen, to the intent that such mischiefes and inconueniences as may thereby grow in the common weale to the great disturbance of the same, may be cut off and prevented:

Be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, condition, or degree so euer he or they be, at any tyme after the ende of the sayde fourtie dayes, and during the life of our sayd Soueraigne Lady & Queenes Maiestie (that now is) eyther within her Highnesstes dominions, or without, shall by setting or erecting of any figure or figures, or by casting of nativities, or by calculation, or by any propheryng, witchcraft, coniurations, or other like vnlawfull meanes whatsoeuer, seeke to knowe, and shall set forth by expresse wordes, deedes, or writings, how long her Maiestie shal liue or continue,

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or who shal reigne as king or Queene of this realme of England after her highnesse decease, Or elle shall aduisedly and with a malicious intent against her highnesse, vtter any maner of direct prophecies to any such intent or purpose, or shall maliciously by any wordes, wytyng, or pryncing, wish, will or desire the death or depriuation of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie (that now is) or any thing directly to the same effect, that then euery such offence shalbe felonie, and euery offendour and offendours therein, and also all his or their aydours, procurers, and abettors in or to the sayde offences, shalbe iudged as felons, and shall suffer such paynes of death and forfeiture, as in case of felonie is bled, without any benefite of Cleargie, or Sanctuarie.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that the Iustices of the Court, commonly called the Kinges bench, Iustices of Oyer and determiner, Iustices of Assises in their seuerall ciuities, and Iustices of general gaole delyuerie, aswell within libertyes, as without, within the Limits of their seuerall commissions, shal by vertue hereof haue full power and aucthoritie to inquire of, and to heare, and determine all and euery the offences aforesaide, and that the partie indicted, and arraigned of any the offences aforesaide, shall haue aduantage of all maner of challenges to the Iurie, as in triall of felony is bled.

And also that all Iustices of peace, aswell within Libertyes as without, within the Limits of their seuerall Commissions, in their generall or quarter Sessions, shall by vertue hereof haue full power and aucthoritie, to enquire of all and euery the offences aforesaide, and to cause the offender and offendours therein to be indicted without any further proceeding therein. And that also euery Iustice of peace within the Limits of his commission, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to commit any person being vehemently suspected of any of the saide offences, to warde, vnlesse he doe put in sureties, to make his personall apperaunce at the next quarter Sessions or gaole delyuerie, and in default of finding such sureties, then to commit him to prison, there to remayne, vntill he shal find sureties for his apperaunce, as is aforesaide.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that all offences made felonye by this acte, which hereafter shalbe done or committed by any person or persons out of this Realme of England, shalbe from hencefoorth inquired of, heard, and determined before the Queenes Maiesties Iustices of her bench for pless to be holden before her selfe, by good & lawfull men of the same Countie, where the same bench shalbe kept, in like maner and

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and saue to all intentes and purposes, as if the same offences had bene done and committed within the same County where they shall so be enquired of, heard and determined: Any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that no maner of person or persons, shalbe molested or impeached for any of the offences, concerning speaking or reporting as is aforesaid, vntlesse he or they be thereof accused within one month next after such wordes spoken or reported before some one Justice of peace, and the witnesss therein to be bled, named to the same Justice, and the same accusation and witnesss names put in writing by the said Justice, and certified at the next quarter Sessions or gaole deliuerie: And vntlesse such offender also bee indicted, within one yeere next after his or their saide offence so supposed to be committed or done.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery such Mayor or Mayors, Bailiffe, or other head officer of Cities, Boroughs, and Townes corporate, which haue or hereafter shal haue Jurisdiction and authoritie, within the seuerall Lynmys of their office or offices, to holde and keepe Sessions, as Justice or Justices of the peace, shall and may by the authoritie hereof, aswell arrest and commit to warde or baile in maner and forme aforesaid, al and euery person and persons, being vehemently suspected of any the offences aforesaid, as also to inquire of al and euery the offences aforesaid, and to proceede to the indicting of euery such offender without any further proceeding therein, Any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that this present acte shalbe proclaimed in all the Counties within this Realme, before the ende of eyght and twentie dayes next ensuyng the ende of this present Session of Parliament, to the intent that all persons may haue notice thereof, and thereby to auoyde the perill and daunger that may ensue by offending against the same.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Peeres of this Realme, and euery of them that shall hereafter fortune to be indicted of any the offences aforesaid, shalbe tryed by their Peeres, as before hath bene accustomed in cases of treason and felonie.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that this Acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, nor any attaynder or attaynders of any person or persons, for any offence or offences made felonie by this Acte, shall in any wise extend or be adiudged, interpreted, or expounded, to make the offender or offenders

sendoꝝ to forfeite oꝛ lose any landes, tenementes oꝛ hereditaments any longer, then onely during his owne life, oꝛ to make any corruption of blood to any the heire oꝛ heires of any such offendoꝛ oꝛ offendoꝝ, oꝛ to make the wife of any such offendoꝛ to lose oꝛ forfeite her dower oꝛ title of dower, of oꝛ in any Landes, Tenements, oꝛ Hereditamentes, oꝛ her action oꝛ interest to the same. Any thing in this Acte conteyned, oꝛ any attayndoꝛ oꝛ attayndoꝝ hereafter to be had, foꝛ any offence oꝛ offences made felonie by this Acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no person oꝛ persons shalbe hereafter indicted oꝛ arraigned, foꝛ any offence oꝛ offences touching oꝛ concerning speaking oꝛ reporting as aforesayde, vnlesse the same offence oꝛ offences be proued by the testimonie, deposition and othes of two sufficient witnessses, at the time of his oꝛ their Indictment, which sayde witnessses also, at the time of the arraignment of the partie so indicted, shalbe brought forth in person before the partie so arraigned, face to face, and there shall openly declare all they can say against the saide partie so indicted, vnlesse the sayde partie so indicted, shall willingly and without violence confesse the same.

And be it likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Statute of the first and second yeeres of King Philippe and Queene Marie, entituled, (An Acte against seditious wordes and rumors) and one other Acte of Parliament made in the first yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, (that now is) whereby it is provided and enacted, that the sayde former Acte shall extende to and foꝛ our sayde soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that now is, and euery clause, article, and sentence in euery of the sayd Actes and Statutes, shall from and after the Proclamation of this Acte, be repealed and boyde to all intentes and purposes, foꝛ so long time as this Acte shall continue in full strength and perfect force.

And be it likewise enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that this Acte, noꝛ any thing therein conteyned, shall haue continuance, oꝛ be in force foꝛ any longer time, then onely during the naturall life of our sayde soueraigne Ladie the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, that now is, whome God long preserue to his glorie, her Highnesse honour and safetie, and to the common wealth of all her Maiesties Dominions. Amen.

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tion of errorrs, in fines and
recoueries.

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Of the appealing of suites;
the avoiding of false practises,
deceytes, deuises and misde-
meanours, and for helping of
negligences and misprisions of
Clerkes and Officers, daungers
to assurances of mens
landes and hereditamentes:
Be it enacted by the Queenes
most excellent Maiestie, our so-
ueraigne Ladie, the Lordes
Spiritual and Temporall,

and the Commons in this pre-
sent parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same,
that every writ of Couenaunt, and other writ, whereupon any
sue heretofore hath byn leuyed, or hereafter shalbe leuyed, the
returne thereof, the writte of Dedimus potestatem, made for the
knowledging of any of the same fines, the returne thereof, the
concoorde, note and foote of every such fine, the proclamations
made thereupon, and the kinges siluer. And also every originall
writ of Entree in the posse or other writ, whereupon any com-
mon recovery hath bene suffered, or hereafter shalbe suffered or
passed, the writtes of Sum, ad warrantizand, the returnes of
the said Originalls and writtes of Sum, ad warrantizand, and
every warrant of Attourney, had or to bee had, aswell of e-
very demandant and tenant as bouchee extant and remain-
ing, or that shalbe extant and in being, may vpon the request
or election of any person, be inrolled in rolles of parchement by
such persons, and for such considerations as hereafter in this
Acte shalbe mentioned, and that the inrollementes, of the same
or of any part thereof, shalbe of as good force and validitie in
lawe to all intentes, respectes and purposes, for so much of any
of them so inrolled, as the same being extant and remaining,

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were or ought by lawe to be.

And be it further enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that no fine, proclamations upon fines, or common recovery heretofore had, leuied, suffered or passed, or hereafter to be had, leuied, suffered or passed, shall be reuerled or reuertable by any writ of error for false or incongrue Lattin, rasure, enterlining, misentring of any warrant of attorney, or of any proclamation, misreturning or not returning of the Sheriffe, or other wante of forme in wordes, and not in matter of substance.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte nor any thing therein contained, shall barre or exclude any person or persons from any writ of error, which shall be had, taken or pursued, within five yeeres next after the ende of the Session of this present parliament, upon any fine or recovery heretofore had or suffered. Nor from any writ of error which shall be had, taken or pursued, upon any fine or recovery, heretofore leuied, knowleged or had, which fine or fines, recovery or recoveries, or any part or parcel of them, or any of them now is, or at any time before the first day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1582, shall be exemplified under the great seale of England, at and by the suite of any person, that is, or may be intituled to have or sue any writ of error upon any the fines or recoveries heretofore passed: Nor to barre any femme covert, or any person within the age of xxi. yeeres, or any person that is non compos mentis, in prison, or beyond the Seas, of or from any writ of error to be had or prosecuted, for the reuersing of any fine or recovery heretofore passed, leuied, or suffered, so that such femme covert, or her heires within seven yeeres next after that she become sole, and such person within the age of xxi. yeeres, or his heires, within seven yeeres next after hee shall come and be of full age of xxi. yeeres, And such person that is non compos mentis within seven yeeres next after he shall become of sane memorie, and in default thereof, the heires of such person that is non compos mentis, within seven yeeres next after the death of such person being non compos mentis. And such person in prison, or his heires within seven yeeres next after the same person shall be at libertie. And such person beyond the seas, or his heires, within seven yeeres next after the returne of such person into this Realme of England, or the death of the saide person, If he shall before his returne, dye in any forreine countrey, shall sue, take & prosecute their writtes of error, as their cases severally shall require, for reuersing of any & said fines or recoveries heretofore passed, leuied or suffered.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthorite.

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ritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, shall within the time and yeeres afoze mentioned, commence or sue his or their wittes of errour for the reuerting of any the said fines or recoveries heretofore passed, which suite shall fortune to abate by the death of any the parties to the same: That then it shall and may be lawfull for his and their heires, at any time within one yeere next after the saide seven yeeres expired, to haue, sue and take their wittte of errour, for the reuerting of euery such fine and recoverie: And if such heire be an infant within the age of xxi. yeeres, then within one yeere next after the full age of such infant, any thing in this present Act contained to the contrarie thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that euery person that shall at any time hereafter take the knowledge of any fine or warrant of Attourney of any Tenant, or boucher for suffering any common recoverie, or shall certifie them or any of them, shall with the certificat of the corde or warrant of Attourney, certifie also the daye and yeere wherein the same was knowledged: And that no person that taketh any such knowledge of any fine or warrant for any recovery, shalbe bounden, or by any meanes enforced to certifie any such knowledge or warrant, except it be within one yeere next after the said knowledge taken. And that no Clarke or Officer shall receiue any writ of covenant, or writ of entree, whereupon any fine or common recoverie is hereafter to passe, vntill the daye of the knowledge of the same fine and warrant shall appeare, in or by such certificat, vpon paine that euery Clarke that shall receiue any such writ, shal forfeite for euery time that he shall so offende, the summe of five pounds. And if no attournement in or vpon any fine be entred vpon recorde, except the partie mencioned to attourne therein, first haue appeared in the Court in person, or by attourney warranted by the hand of one of the Iustices of the one bench or the other, or of one Iustice of Assise, vpon a wittte of *Quid iuris clamat, quem Redditum reddit, or per quæ seruicia*, as the case requireth: And that euery entree of attournement hereafter to be made, where there shalbe no apparance, as afoze is said, shalbe utterly boide, and of none effect, without any writ of erroze or other meanes to bee vsed for auoyding thereof.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that there shalbe for ever one office for the Inrollemēt aforesaid, which shalbe & continue an office for ever, called the office of Inrollements of witttes for fines and Recoveries, And that the Iustices

ces of the common plects for the time being (other then the chiefe Justice) shal haue and take the care and charge of and for the Inrollements aforesaid, and shal haue and enioy the said office and the dispositio thereof, and carefully see & looke to the execution thereof: and in consideration of their charges, payne and trauel therein, shal haue and take the summes of money hereafter following, and no moze, That is to say, for the Inrollement and examination of euery fyne and the partes thereof before mencioned, the summe of vi. s. viii. d. And for the Inrollement of the saide partes of euery recouery and the examination thereof, vi. s. viii. d. And for euery exemplification of the Inrollement of any fyne, five shillings. And for the exemplification & returnes of euery writte of entrie, summons & warrantizands and warrants, five shillings. And for the search of the Rolles of one pere, iiii. d. And for the copie of one Sheete of paper conteyning xlii. Lines, iiii. d. And that the said Justices or one of them, shal examine the Inrollements of euery such fyne and partes of Recoueries, and forthwith after examination thereof, and immediately after the Inrollement of euery such fyne & partes of Recoueries, writte his name that so examineth with his own hand in the Rolle thereof, vpon paine that the saide Justices shal forfeite to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the summe of five pounce, for euery time that they or some one of them shal make defaulte of such examination, or writing of his or their name, as afoze is said. And that it shal and may be lawfull to and for the Justices of the saide Court of common plects from time to time, to take order in all things that shalbe conuenient and needefull for the Inrollements aforesaide, And vpon examination in the saide Court, to assesse such fyne or amerciamment, vpon any Clarke, Sherife, Deputie, Attourney, & other person for his & their misprision, contempt, and negligence, for not doing or misdoing in any thing, of, in or concerning the said fines & recoueries, or any part of them, or either of the, as by the said Justices of the said Court of comon plects for the time being, shalbe thought meete and conuenient: The said fyne & amerciamment to be estreated amongst other fines & amerciamentes of that Court, where such offence or misprision shalbe comitted.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Chirographer of Fines of the Common Plects for the time being, for euer shal write and make, or cause to be written and made for euery Countie, where her Maiesties writte runneth, one Table, wherein shalbe contained such contents of euery fyne that shal passe in any one Tearme, as hereafter

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hereafter is mentioned, that is to saye, the name of the Countie wherein the Tenementes mentioned in any fine be, the name of every plaintiffe and Defendant, & of every Mannour named in the fine if any such be, and of the Townes and places where the Tenementes in such fine comprised do ly: And the first day of the next Terme after the ingrossing of every such fine, shall fixe every of the said Tables, vpon some open place of the Courte of Common Plees, and so every day of the saide Terme, during the time of sitting of the sayde Courte, And that the sayde Chirographer shall deliuer to every Sheriffe of every Countie, his vnder Sheriffe or Deputie, saye written in parchment, a perfect content of the Table, so to bee made for that Shire, in the Terme that shalbe next before the Assises be holden in the saide Countie, or else meane betwene that Terme and the said Assises. And that every such Sheriffe, to whome such parchements with the contents aforesaid, shalbe deliuered, the first day of the next Assises after the deliuerie thereof vnto him, and every day during the sayde Assises, shall fixe and set vp the same writing vnderdared in some open place in the courte, where the Justices of the Assise of that countie shall sitte, and shal see the same to continue there, during such time as the saide Justices shall sitte there in Courte, vpon payne that every Chirographer and Sheriffe, offending against any thing in this act contained, shall forfeite to our Soueraygne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the summe of fine poundes, the one moitie whereof shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, & successors, and the other moitie to him or them, that will sue for the same in any courte of Record, wherein no esloigne, protection or wager of Lawe shalbe allowed. And that the Chirographer for the time being, shall haue and take for every such content of every fine so set downe in the Table aforesayde, iiii. d.

And forasmuch, as vpon great examination it appeareth, that diuers fines & Recoveries haue byn heretofore leaped and suffered of diuers Mannours, Mesuages, Lands, Tenementes & Hereditaments, which sometime were the inheritance of George sometime Earle of Kent, great grandfather to Henry now Earle of Kent in vse, possession, reuerſion or remainder, whereunto the said now Earle of Kent pretendeth title, in vse, possession, reuerſion or remainder, which if they be erroneous, as is pretended, doe much vary from the generall cause and mischief, for which this Statute meaneth to provide: Be it therefore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that neither this Statute, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to take away any writ of error, whereunto any person or persons is now, or hereafter shalbe lawfully

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intituled for the reuerſing of the ſayde fines and Recoueries, or any of them heretofore leuyed or ſuffered, of any of the ſayde Mannors, Meſuages, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which late were any part or parcell of the inheritance of the ſaid George, ſometime Earle of Kent, in uſe, poſſeſſion, Reuerſion or Remaynder. Any thing in this Statute conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wiſe, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that it ſhall be lawfull for the Juſtices Clerkes, authorized by their warraunt in the ſayde ſeverall Offices and places, where the ſame Records, or any of them do or ſhall remayne, to write out, or enrolle the ſame records, & every part thereof, without any thing to be payed therefoze. And that the ſayd Records, nor any of them for the writing out, or making the Rolles thereof by the Clerkes of the ſayde Juſtices, otherwiſe then for the examination thereof by the Juſtices, ſhalbe brought or carped forth of the ſayd Offices or places.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, That none of the fines or Recoueries heretofore leuyed, paſſed, or ſuffered, which ſhall be exemplified vnder the great Scale, according to the forme of this Acte, ſhall after ſuch exemplification had, be in any wiſe amended.

An acte for the fortifying of the borders towards Scotlande.

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As much as great care hath byn heretofore taken for mayntenance of good ſtrength and force vpon the borders and frontiers againſt Scotland, and to the end that inhabitants and tenauntes there, might be better able, and more encouraged for the defence of the ſame borders, when any occaſion ſhould be offered in that behalfe, al charges of Subſidies and taxes haue bene forborne to bee layed or charged vpon the ſaid inhabitants, & for like reſpect it hath bene heretofore

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tofoze also bled in diuers places within the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, & the Bishopricke of Durham, that diuers, and a great part of the inhabitants there, haue enioyed their tenements and farmeholdes in diuers fauorable sortes and formes of tenure. And for that the Queenes Maiestie hath of late yeeres bene oftentimes informed by re-
poyte and certificate of her p̄ncipal officers hauing charge of her borders, that the force of her saide borders both of horsemen and footemen are greatly decayed, and likely daily to growe weaker by many occasions, and among other by decay and ruyne of sundry the habitations of those borders, whereby the number of the auncient inhabitants able for seruice, haue bene diminished, and that parte of the same habitations, tenauncies and farmes haue bene reduced rather to pasturing of cattell, then to the mayntenance of men of seruice, And that also in some partes the tenants and inhabitants themselues haue diminished their owne strength, by diuiding their houses & farmes, which were meete onely for one able housholder and familpe, into the occupation of sundry persons commonly being their Children or other kinfolks, So as by the smalnesse and meanenesse of the holding, no one of them is able to fournishe a man for seruice : And that also diuers owners and tenants vpon the borders, haue for more gaine then they could haue of natural subiects, letten their lands or feedings or some part thereof to Scottisshmen, thereby not only weakening the strength of her Maiesties natural subiects, but strengthening Forreners.

For remedy wherof, be it enacted by the authoritie of this present parliament, that the Queenes Maiestie shall and may from time to time, as need shal require, by commission vnder the great Seale of England, make & appoint such & so many Commissioners as to her Maiestie shalbe thought conuenient, giuing vnto them or sixe of the (wherof two to be of the Quorum) full power & authoritie in all & euery of the saide Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Countie Palantine of Durham, or in any one of them, or in any part of any of the, to inquire by the othes of twelue men or moe, or by other good meanes according to their discretions, what tenauncies and houses of habitations be synce 7 seuen & twentieth yeere of king Henry the eight ruynd and decayed, and not helde or occupied by men able to serue as horsemen or footemen, according to the auncient duties of those tenauncies, and in like maner to examine and search out the iust or probable causes of those ruynes & decays, and of the wants and euill furnitures of the saide horsemen and footemen,

men, and to giue order & direction for reformation therof with al speede reasonable. And to that end if it shall appeare to the said Commissioners or such fixe of them as is aforesaid, that the fault of the said ruynes or decayes haue bene onely in the Lordes and owners, or their principal officers, or in the officers and farmors of her Maiesties manors, landes or tenementes, or any their assignes, then the said Commissioners, or such fixe as is aforesaid, shall order, commaunde & inioyne aswell her Maiesties officers, farmors or their assignes, as others the Lords and owners, and their officers or farmors, to reedifie or repaire the same tenements and houses of habitation, and specially the capital houses & Barnekyns within a conuenient time at their owne charges, with restoring like quantities of lands thereunto, as with y^e same hath byn occupied in the said twenty seuenth yere of king Henry the eight. And shall set paynes for euery default of such reedifying or restoring in reasonable time, not exceeding one hundredeth markes for euery such defaulte: And if they shall finde default of furniture of the tenauntes with horse, weapon or armour according to their dueties, then they shall by perswasion in respecte of the Queenes Maiesties seruice and the defence of their natyue countrey, treat with such Lords & other whom it may concerne, and the freeholders, Leasles or tenauntes, for order to be taken by their mutual assents for the renewing and continuance of the saide seruice, and for want of reasonable conformitie on eyther part, may inioyne the said Lords and al others vnder them, and also al the Queenes Maiesties officers, farmors, and their assignes, to giue such helpe as the said Commissioners or such fixe as aforesaid shall thinke fit, toward the inhabling of the sayde tenant or tenauntes, to bee furnished according to the auncient ducty of the saide tenement, and to take order howe the saide tenant shall thereby be furnished and be able for seruice, and so to see that the same be duely executed, and the sayde Commissioner shall take bondes in good summes to her Maiesties vse, of euery such person of whom it shall be requisite that the saide auncient dutie of such tenements respectiuey shall be furnished, kept and executed, on paine of reasonable forfaitures, not exceeding forty pounds for euery defaulte, and shall assesse fines, and set downe paynes for such defaults or wants of furniture, as shall in that behalfe bee requisite. And if the inhablenes of the saide tenants shalbe founde to haue growen, or to growe hereafter by their owne default or wilfulnesse, without iust occasion: The said Commissioners or such fixe of them as is aforesaide, shall order, inioyne and directe the said Tenauntes within some reasonable

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able speedy time, to furnish themselves with horse, armour, and weapon, or with armour and weapon according to their auncient vsage, and their uttermost reasonable abilitie, at their owne charges without any contribution of the Lordes, But at their owne good willes, vpon payne to be expelled by the Lord, owner or superior farmours or their assignes, which so expelling, shall place in such holding or farme another tenaunt, that shall be furnished and ready for such seruice as is aforesaid, or else shall within one moneth giue notice to the Commissioners, or to the Warden of the same Marches, of his not placing of such tenaunt, vpon such payne as the Commissioners, or such sixe of them as is aforesaid, shall asseesse, not exceeding one hundredeth marks, and the said Commissioners or Warden after such notice giuen, shall place one other tenaunt sufficient for the seruices aforesaid, And in her Maiesties lands by the officers of her Reuenewe, within some time to be lymitted. And the said Landlords, owners, superior farmours or their assignes, and also her Maiesties officers to be also inioyned and bound vpon some payne to cause the same to be executed, and that a newe tenaunt shall be placed sufficiently furnished to holde the same. And further where it shall appeare, that within the space of thirtie yeres any tenement or habitation of household, which haue maynteyned any horsemen or footemen, by auncient vsage for seruice toward the frontiers, haue bene by the tenants and owners themselves, or by any other meanes diuided into sundry habitations, or the lands thereunto belonging distributed to other tenautes, whereby any one principall tenement so diuided, or the same tenement with the lande therewith nowe occuppyed, shall not bee able to maynteine the inhabitant therof to be furnished according to the auncient duety of seruice, That in such case the saide Commissioners or such sixe of them as is aforesaid, shall take order, that for the present time, the persons which shall haue the vse and profit of any part of the same tenements, or of the said lands so withdrauen fro the said principall tenement during the time of their present termes, shall yerely contribute to the principall tenaunte there resyding, to bee ready and furnished for the said seruice, some reasonable yerely ayde by money, or otherwise towards his furnytur meete for seruice.

Wherby alwayes, that where the sayde Commissioners, or such sixe as aforesayd shall finde, that meane or vnder tenants, hauing particuler estates ouer the tertenant (other then the lordes and owners) haue bene cause of any such decay, In those cases they shall order and compell all such persons meane (which from vnder the lord, vnto the base or tertenant, shall bee founde

to haue bene cause of such decaye) to contribute towarde the re-
edifying or repaying of any tenement ruined or decayed synce
the tyme of their interest in the premises, and also to the helpe of
the furniture of the partie so decayed: And shall also cause them
to be bounde during their particuler estates, to obserue the order
of the sayde Commissioners, to bee taken as is aforesayde, to-
wards the sayde tenants, inhabitants, and seruice. And because
dyuers persons being lordes and owners, and others also, that
haue particuler estates vnder the sayd lordes and owners, which
are by the sayde Commissioners in diuers cases aboue mencio-
ned, to bee charged with the contributions aboue mencioned,
may be absent out of the parties, where the sayde Commissioners
shall haue auctoritie to execute the sayde Commission, and shall
not appeare vpon Summons and precepts, and shall haue no
landes or tenements within the Iurisdiction of the sayde Com-
mission, to satisfie such paynes or amercements as shalbe set by-
on them, to performe their order, In such cases the Commissio-
ners or such fixe of them as is aforesaide, shall estreate the same
paynes and amercements into the Exchequer, in like maner, as
Iustices of peace ought to doe for fynes and amercements, ta-
xed or set before them. And thereupon the Barons and court
of Exchequer, shall vse all good diligence to procure the leuying
thereof vpon the parties amerced, or that shall forfaitte paynes in
any part of the realme wheresoeuer the said partie shal remaine,
And vpon the same answered by any Sherife or other officer,
the same shalbe payed by order of the principall Officers of the
sayd Exchequer, to the Commissioners or some of them, to be by
them answered, to such to whome the same shalbe due, without
further warrant from her Maiestie for the same.

Provided also, that where the Commissioners, or any such
fixe of them as aforesaid, shall finde that any thing is and ought
to be done for the furtherance of this seruice, in any of the pre-
misses in the Queenes Maiesties charge, in respect of any her
Lands, Lordships or Tenements, or of any thing taken by any
officers of her Reuenewe, or by any other person attending by-
on the sayd officers or ministers, or by any other meanes to their
owne vse, In such cases the said Commissioners, or such fixe as
aforesaide, shal certifie to the Lord Treasourer, Chauncelloz and
Barons of the Exchequer, their directions and orders concer-
ning the contributions by them reasonably thought meete to bee
made in her Maiesties behalfe, or by any her officers or mini-
sters, to the intent the said Lord Treasourer, Chauncelloz and
Barons, or any two of them, whereof the Lord Treasourer or
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Chauncelloz for the time being to be one; shall on her Maiesties behalfe direct warrants to her Maiesties rectuets of the sayde Countie; to make payment and allowance, according to the order and direction of the sayd Commissioners, without any other speciall warrant from her Maiestie for the same; and they shall also compell all other her Maiesties sayde officers and ministers, or their Deputies; that shalbe ordered by the Commissioners as aforesayde, to make contribution, as is abovesayde, to make payment, and to satisfie the sayde orders in like sort, and maner, as if the sayde orders and directions were decreed by the sayde courte of Exchequer.

Provided, that the sayde Commissioners, before they shall exercise the sayde Commission, shalbe sworn before the Lorde Chauncelloz of Englande, or before such to whome the Lorde Chauncelloz shall direct a writte of *Dedimus potestatem*, or before the Justices of Assize in the Countie where they shall sitte, or before the Justices of peace in the quarter Sessions in the sayd Countie, according to the tenour of an othe, conteyned in a Statute of the seconde and thirde yerres of the reignes of King Philippe and Queene Marie, made for the redifying of Castles, and strengthening of the borders within the foresayd Countie (leaving out the words (and all Saintes) expressed in the end of the said othe.) And that they shall have like wages for themselves & clerkes, as is in the said statute also expressed, and the same to be leuied out of such summes of money as shall bee assessed by the saide Commysioners, according to the provision contayned in the foresayde statute of the seconde and thirde yerres of the reignes of King Philip and Queene Mary, for the allowance of the like Commissioners appoynted to execute the sayde Statute.

Provided also, that they shall haue the like authoritie, to make and direct writtes, precepts, warrants, and other commandements, to all Sheriffes, Bailiffes, Stewards, and all other ministers, officers and persons, to appeare before them, & to execute their commandements, And shall in all causes haue like authoritie to execute this commission warranted by this statute, as by the sayd statute of the seconde and thirde yerres of King Philippe and Queene Marie, was given for the execution of the sayde statute. And that the like Commissions shall be made in causes requisite by the Chauncelloz and officers of the Duchie of Lancaster, and by the Bishoppe of Durham in the Countie palantine of Durhā, respectively, according as is mentioned in the foresaid statute of the second and third yerres of the raignes of King Philippe and Queene Marie, for commissions
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to be made by them for execution of the said statute.

Provided, that the aforesaid Commissioners shall not by any their order or direction, intermeddle with any lands of her maiestie, or of any other person that are presently in Lease or Demise, or granted by deeds indented in writing, or by copie of Courte rolle within any manour, where, of auncient time the custome hath bene to graunt the same landes by copie of Court rolle, but that the same Lessees by Indenture, and copie holders shall continue at the pleasure of the Lessors, or the graunters of the sayd copie, or their heires, as before the making of this statute they might haue done, and yet, if heretofore the said lands so leased by Demise, or granted by copie of Courte rolle, shall appere to haue bene chargeable to seruice, and that the auncient Tenaunts thereof haue vsually done seruice for the borders, and in the sayde Indentures or copies, or in the Court Rolle wherof the same are coppes, there be no couenants or clauses, nor otherwise any bonds taken for the sayd seruices to bee done and performed: In these cases, for reuiving or furtherance of the sayd seruices, the sayd Commissioners, or such sixe of them as is aforesayd, shall vpon due examination first had, and triall made, take order either with the Lords and Lessors, or with their officers, or with their Tenantes, or with both of them, to cause any Tenements ruined or decayed, to be reedified or repayed, as is before shewed, And also to cause the sayd seruice or seruices to be reuived and mainteyned for the defence of the said borders, either by speciall couenants to bee contained in writing betwixt the sayd Lord and Tenaunt, or otherwise.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that all orders to be set downe by the sayd Commissioners by vertue of this Statute, and by auctoritie of the sayde Commission or Commissions, or any of them, shall stande and be in force to continue, except the same shalbe by themselves or such number of them as is aboue limited, or by other Commissioners auctorized by her Maiestie, according to the forme of this Acte, vpon examination and good consideration, and vpon calling all persons interested before them to be heard, otherwise altered or chaunged in the whole, or in part.

Provided also, that hereafter all farmours or Lessees, that shall haue interest hereafter in any Landes, Tenements, or Hereditamentes, within the sayd Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or in any one of them, by vertue of any newe Lease to be made after the ende of this Session of this Parliament, shal personal-
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ly dwell vpon the sayde Landes and Tenementes, being houses of habitation, or else shall personally be resident and dwelling in and vpon some other house and habitation within one of the sayde Counties, and shall appoynt and assigne a meete person to inhabite vpon the sayde farme or Tenement so dimissed, in such sort as the Inhabitaunt may reasonably lyue thereupon, according to the qualitie of the farme, and shall performe the sayde seruice. And if the saide farmer shall depart out of the sayde Counties, to dwell or reside in any other place, he shall within one twelue moneths after his departure, surrender his sayde farme to him or them that then shal haue the immediate reuersion or remaynder, so as he may dimysse the same to the aforesayde Inhabitaunt afoze assigned, or to some other to be resident and dwell therupon, and keepe hospitalitie meete for the qualitie of the saide farme, for the better replenishing of the sayde countries with people, Or else it shall be lawfull for him or them, that shall haue the immediate reuersion or remaynder, after such twelue monethes, and his absence continuing so long, to reenter as though the sayde Lease were determined.

And be it enacted, that vpon cause notoriously given by any Lordes or owners, or their Officers, or by any her Maiesties Officers, farmers, or their assignes, to the hinderance of the saide seruice, as is aforesaide, and vpon complaynt made thereof to her Maiestie, or to her Commissioners, or any of them, or to the Wardens of the borders, The saide Commissioners, or such fire of them as is aforesaide, that then shall haue their Commission in force, or in default of such Commission then being in force, such other Commissioners, to whome the Queenes Maiestie shall and may vpon the saide complaynt or certificate from the Warden, direct a newe Commission to the like sort & number of Commissioners, as in this Statute is expressed, shall examine the cause or complaynt of the certificate, and shall take order betwixt the Lord and the Tenaunt, that by repairing of the same habitation, and other helpes abouesayde, the Tenaunt may be able, bounden and charged to inhabite the same Tenement, and do the seruice vpon the borders, according to his tenure.

It is provided also, that this present statute shal continue during her Maiesties life onely (which God long preserve.)

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, & one acte & statute made at the Parliament holden at Westminster, in the second & third yeres of the reignes of the late King Philip and Queene Marie, intituled, an Acte for the recedifying of Castles and fortes, and for the inclosing of groundes vpon the

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borders to wards Scotland, and every article, brāunche, clause, and sentence therein conteyned, except the sayde wordes (and all Sāintes) shall be from henceforth fully reuyued, and shall haue continuance for, and during the terme of twentie yeres next ensuing the last day of this present Session of Parliament, And from thenceforth to the ende of the Parliament then next following: And that the same acte and statute in every behalfe, shall from thenceforth be interpreted and expounded, to extende as fully and largely to the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, her heires, and successors, during the sayde time, for the good execution of the same, as ever it did, or was meant to extende to the sayde late King Philippe and Queene Marie, any thing to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided neuerthelesse, and considering that the special purpose of the premisses in this acte contained, is to haue the people and inhabitantes of the sayde Countie of Northumberland, Cumberlande, and Westmerland, and of the sayd Countie of Lancashire, of the Bishopricke of Durham, which of auncient time were accustomed, and by the customes of the said countie are, or ought to serue on horsebacke, or on foote, for defence of the frontiers, to be able for seruice, and to bee ready furnished for the sayde seruice.

Therefore be it enacted, that if the Lorde and owner of any Tenement, or place of habitation, or farme, whereupon any such Tenaunt bounde by such custome to serue, doeth nowe dwell, or where at any time synce the xxvii. yeere of King Henry the eighth, any such Tenaunt bounde by custome to such seruice, dyd dwell, shall place and caule to inhabite thereupon a Tenaunt able to serue on horsebacke, or on foote, according to the auncient custome of the same Tenement or farme, and so for that purpose to be alwayes, when neede shall require, furnished for the sayd seruice requisite. In such case the sayde Commissioners shall not by vertue of this acte, intermeddle betwixt the Lord or owner and the Tenaunt, but that it may be lawfull for the sayd Lorde or owner therein, to graunt to his Tenaunt such state, and in such sorte, as lawfully he might haue done before the making of this statute. So as the sayde Tenaunt be as aboue is sayde, able and ready with furniture to do his accustomed seruice, when time shall require for defence of the frontiers.

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An acte touching Iron

*milles, neere vnto the citie of London,
and the riuer of Thames.*

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Whereas by reason of the late erection of sundry Iron milles in diuers places of this Realme, not farre distant from the citie of London, & the Suburbes of the same, or from the downes and sea coastes of Suffex, the necessarie prouision of wood, aswell tymber fitte for buyding, and other vles, as also al other selleable woods seruing for fewell, doeth dayly decaye and become scant, and will in time to come become much moze scarcer, by reason whereof the prices are growen to be very great and vnrasonable, and in time to come wil be much moze, if some remedy be not prouided, to the great Damage not onely of the inhabitants of the sayde citie of London and the Suburbes of the same, but also to all others the Queenes maiesties most louing subiectes, hauing occasion daily from al parts of the realme to repayre vnto the same and the places abouesayd. For remedy whereof, Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament here assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that no person or persons from and after the feast day of the natiuitie of Saint John the Baptist next comming, shall conuert or imploy, or cause to be conuerted or employed to cole or other fewell, for the making of Iron or of Iron mettall in any Iron milles, furnes or hammer, any maner of wood, or vnderwood nowe growing, or which hereafter shal grow within the compasse and precinct of xxii. miles from and about the citie of London or the Suburbes of the same, or within xxii. miles of the riuer of Thames, fro Dorchester in the Countie of Orford downwards the saide ryuer of Thames, nor within foure miles of the foote

of the hilles called the doʷnes betwixt Arundell and Bemsey, in the countie of Sussex, nor within foure myles of any of the towne of Wynchelley, and Rye, nor within two myles of the towne of Bemsey, nor within three myles of the towne of Hastings in the sayde countie, vpon payne to forfeite for euery load of wood so to be employed or conuerted into cole or other fewell for the making of Iron or Iron mettall, in any Iron mil, furnace or hammer, as is aforesaid, fourtie shillings of lawfull money of Englande, the one halfe of all which forfeitures to bee to our so- ueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to her heires and successours, and the other moitie to him or them that will sue for the same, by originall writte, bill, plaint, or Information, where- in no essoine, protection, or iniunction, or wager of lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

Provided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extende to any woods growing or to growe in any such part of the weildes of Surry, Sussex, or Kent, within the saide twentie two miles of the saide citie of London & the riuer of Thames, as is distant a- boue eightene miles from the citie of London, and eyght miles from the sayde ryuer of Thames.

And be it likewise further enacted, that fro henceforth no new Iron woorkes shalbe erected within twentie two miles of y sayd citie of London, nor within fourteene myles of the ryuer of Thames, nor within foure miles of the doʷnes aforesayde, or of the sayd towne of Bemsey, Wynchelley, Hastings, or Rye, vpon payne of one hundred poundes of lawfull money of Englande, likewise to be recouered and employed, as is aforesayde.

Provided also, that this act, nor any thing therein contened, shall extende to any woods or vnderwoods nowe standing or growing, or which hereafter shall stande or growe in or vpon a- ny landes of Christopher Darrel Gentleman, in the parish of Reddigate, within the weilde of the countie of Surry, which woods of the sayde Christopher haue heretofore bene, and be by him preserued and coppied for the vse of his Iron woorkes in those partes,

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An acte for the repaying
of Douer Hauen.

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Whereas the Marchauntes of this Realme, and other passing through the narrow Seas, susteine verely great damages for want of cōuenient harbour vpon the coast of the sayd narrow Seas, whereunto they may enter to auoide imminent daunger of tempests, pyrates, or the common enemy in time of warre, her Maiestie minding to prouide for their safety, vnderstanding by the Lordes of her Honorable priue Counsell and other, that Douer was the most cōuenient place for harbour: And that skilfull men haue contriued a probable plat, and vndertaken the finishing and perfecting thereof, for a competent summe of money, in accomplishing whereof, aswell her Maiestie, of her highnesse liberalitie, as the Inhabitauntes of the sayde Towne of Douer to their abilitye, haue already bestowed greatesummes of money in and about the same. Nowe for the better furtheraunce and finishing thereof, Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that for euery Ship, Vessel or Crayer, whercof any of her Maiesties Subiects shall bee owners or partowners, of the burden of twentie Tonnes or bpward, loading or discharging within this Realme, and passing to or fro any forrein countrey, during the space of seauen yeeres next comming, from fortie dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament, there shall be payed for euery such voyage, by the master or owner of such ship, vessel or Crayer, the summe of .iii. d. for euery tonne of the burden of such ship, vessel or Crayer, (except vessels ladē with sea cole or Grindstones) & for euery Chadron of Sea cole or Grindstone, peny halfe peny. The same to bee payed vnto such Customier or customers, or Collector of Customes or Subsidies, with whome the entrie shall be made, or their Deputies within this Realme

Realme from whence such shippes shall come, or where such shippe or shippes, or any of them shall arrive, before they loade or vnloade such goods within the Realme, taking of the sayd Customers, Officer or Deputie, a writing testifying the receipt thereof to the sayd vse, for which writing he shall paye nothing. The sayd summes so to be collected, to bee payde ouer by such Customer or Officer, to the receipt of her Maiesties Exchequer, and to be from thence deliuered to the vse aforesaid, by warrant of the Lorde Treasurer or Chauncelloz of the Exchequer for the time being, without further warrant from her Maiestie. The accompt of the number of the saide Tonnes, to be made according to the entrie of euerie such shippe, vessel or Crayer in the custome house. And that no entrie of such Vessel shall be receiued or allowed in any office of her Maiesties Customes or Subsidies, without true information by the othe of such Owner, Master or Shipper, concerning the burden of such Shippe, Vessel or Crayer, nor without or before payment of the summes aforesaid, by the Shipper, Master or Owner of such Shippe, Vessel or Crayer, of which payment the said Master, Owner or Shipper shall haue allowance of the Marchauntes, according to the rate of the goods in such Shippe, Vessel or Crayer by way of auerage. And that euery customer or officer, in whose wilfull default the sayd summes shal not be truely collected and answered, as is before appoynted, shall forfeite to the vse aforesaid, tenne times asmuch as so shall not bee collected or answered by his wilfull default, to be recouered by the Maior and Jurates of the Towne of Douer, to the sayd vse, against such customer or officer, by action of Debt in any Court of Recorde, In which action, no Esloynne, protection or Wager of Lawe shall be admitted or allowed.

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An acte for the increase

of Mariners, and for maintenance of the Nauigation.

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Here the Marchantes and Fishmongers of diuers places of this Realme, haue for their priuate gaines, gone & sent into other Countries and forreine Realmes, and there ingrossed into their handes great numbers and quantitie of fishe taken by Aliens and strangers, being in goodnes farre inferiour to the fishe taken by Englishmen in the Islande voyages, And

for the buying of the same fish, haue conueyed and carried great masses of money forth of this Realme, and haue victualled and furnished this Realme with foraine fishe and herring, the subiects whereof haue bene accustomed in times past, to serue the same with fishe and herrings gotten by their owne trauell, and diuerse other forreine Regions & countreys: by reason of which vnnaturall Dealings of the saide Marchantes and Fishmongers, and vsuall eating of fleshe on the accustomed and vsuall tybe dayes, there be of late decayed, not onely the number of two hundred and more, of good and seruiceable shippes, which yeerely traded to Island for taking of fish in this Realme vsually solde, but also a great number of Mariners and Seamen, fit for the seruice of her Maiestie and her saide Realme, for the defence thereof in time of warres.

For redresse whereof, Be it enacted by the Queenes Maiestie our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and the auctoritie of the same, that it shal not be lawfull to any natieue Englishman, woman, or denizen, at any time after the ende of this session of this parliament, directly or indirectly, by them selues, their seruants, factors, agents, deputies, or friends, or any

or any of them whatsoever, to go or sende into any other forreine Countrey, Realme or Dominions whatsoever, for the buying, providing, or bringing into this Realme, out or fro any the said forreine Realmes or Dominions out of the Queenes obedience, of any salted fish, or salted herrings, nor shall make any agreement with any Alien or Stranger, or any other for such bringing into this Realme, by any Alien or Stranger, of any salted fish or salted herrings: And that no salted fish, nor salted herrings shall be brought hither out of the saide forreine Realmes and Dominions, but by the mere owners thereof, or deputies of them being Aliens and Strangers, without the procurement of any subject of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires or successors, or of any denizen, and by none other person or persons, upon paine that such Englishe person or Denizen, offending against this Act, shall forfeite the same salted herrings, and salted fish, or the value thereof, the one moitie wherof shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successors, and the other moitie to him or them that shall first seise the same fish, or herrings, or first sue for the value thereof, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or information, wherein no esoyne, protection, or wager of Lawe shall be allowed.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that it shall bee lawfull for all and every her Maiesties subiectes, being owners of any shippes, barkes, or vessels, to receiue, & take into their saide shippes, barkes, and vessels sailing with crosse sailes, any herrings or other fish, which any Alien or Stranger shall buye and provide, of any her Maiesties subiectes within this Realme, And the said herrings and fish, or any of them, may transporte into any partes beyond the seas, in their said shippes or vessels with crosse sailes, so as the said Aliens or Strangers paye to her Maiestie her Customes and duties for the same.

And be it further enacted, that all Aliens and Strangers shall from henceforth, and from time to time, pay to her Maiestie for all salted fish and salted herring to bee brought into this Realme, all such like Customes and Impositions, as are or shall be imposed and set vpon any her Maiesties subiectes in those forreine Regions and Countreies, Portes and towines, from whence the said salted fish and salted herrings shall be shipped and brought for the like fishes and herrings, ouer and besides the ordinarie customes, which haue bene payde to her Maiestie for the same.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall doe, suffer, cause, or procure

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cure any fraudulent, deceitfull, or colourable act whatsoeuer, whereby any parte of this Acte before mencioned, shall or may be colourable, fraudulently, or deceitfully auoyded, or frustrated, contrary to the intent thereof, that then every person so offending, shall forfeite & lose for every such his offence, the summe of two hundred poundes, the one moetye wherof shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady, her heires and Successors, and the other moetye to him or them that will sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by bill, plaint, or information, wherein no essoyne, protection or wager of Law shalbe allowed. And that if any Alien or Stranger shall wilfully conceale any acte or thing whatsoeuer, to be done to & deceiuing, colouring or defrauding of any byaunche or article of this estatute before mentioned, that then every such Alien and Stranger shal forfeite and lose for such offence to the Queenes Maiestie his ship and vessel, and all that therunto appertaineth, to be seised to her Maiesties vse, by any her Maiesties subiectes: And moreover, that if any Alien or Stranger borne, shall bring into any Hauen, Port, Creeke or Towne of this Realme, any salt fish, or salt herrings, which shall not be good, sweete, seasonable, and meete for mens meate, and shall offer the same to be solde, and shalbe warned by any officer of such Port, Hauen, or Towne (where the same shall bee offered to be solde) that the same be not seasonable nor meete for mens meate, that then if hee or they with their saide fishe, shall after that offer any of the saide unseasonable fish to be solde to any person within this Realme, or shall not depart with the same fro the said hauen, port, or towne, so soone as conueniency will serue, that then all and every person owners thereof, shall lose and forfeite to our said Soueraigne Lady, all the saide unseasonable fish buttecte for mans meate, as before is said.

Provided alway, that this act or any thing therein contained, shall not extend or be prejudiciall to any providing or bringing of fish in, or out of the countrey of Irland, Shotlande, or Newfound land, or any the partes or seas thereunto adioyning, or on the Scottissh seas, nor to any fish that shall be killed, taken and salted by the Queenes naturall subiectes, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that it shalbe lawfull for all the Queenes subiectes, now or hereafter, the trade of bringing in of staple fish & lings from beyond the seas, to bring in English bottomes into this Realme, for the better supplie of present furnishing of this Realme with vitayle, all manner of staple fish and lings being good and holtsome for mans bodie, during the space of three

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peeres next folowing the end of this Session of parliament, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it likewise enacted, that all ordinaunces of fishmongers of London, or of any other company or corporation whatsoever, made or to bee made, for restraint of any person to take or sell fish, or to buye or provide any fish of any marchāt, or other within this Realme, shalbe repelled and voyde. And that every person or bodie corporate, that shall make or execute any such ordinance or restraint, shall for every such offence forfeite one hundred poundes, the one moytie thereof to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other moytie to the partie grieved that will sue for the same by action of Debt in any court of recorde, wherein no essoine, protection, or wager of lawe for the Defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte for the true

melting, making and working
of Waxe.

Chap. viii.



Here by the goodnesse of God this lande doeth peeke great plentie of Honie and Waxe, as not onely hath, and doeth suffice the necessarie vles of the Queenes Maiestie and her subiects to be spent within this Realme, but also a great quantitie to be spared, to be transported vnto other realmes and countries beyonde the seas, by waie of marchandize, to the great benefite of her Maiestie and the Realme, and yet neuerthelesse a great part of the Waxe made and melted within this Realme, hath bene founde to be of late very corrupt, by reason of the deceiptfull myxture thereof, and the makers and sellers of Honie also haue not onely vsed to put

put the sayd Honie in caske of deceitfull assise, but haue vsed ab-
so deceytfull mixtures of the same: Be it therefore enacted by
the authoritie of this present Parliament, that every person
within this Realme, or the Dominions of the same, which shall
after the Feast of Pentecost next ensuing, in the making and
melting of ware, by any way or meanes vsed, practise or cause to
be vsed and practized any manner decoite by mixture, and ming-
ling the same with Rosten, Tallow, Turpentine, or any other de-
ceitfull thing, to the intent to sell and utter the same, or offer the
same to be solde or uttered for ware, to any person or persons
whatsoever, shall forfeite and lose the same mingled or corrupted
ware. And if the same corrupted ware shall happen to bee solde,
before such fault and corruption shall be found, that then the sayd
melter, mingler or corrupter, canker or procurer thereof, shall for-
feite for every pounde two shillings, whereof the one half to the
Queenes Maiestie, the other half to the party deceyued, if he will
sue for it, or any other person or persons that will sue for the same,
in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde. And to the
intent that the offenders in these kinde of deceits, may be the
better and sooner known and founde out:

Be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that every melter
and maker of wrought ware, shall haue for himselfe a
Stampe, or marke, of the breadth of six pence, wherein two let-
ters shall be plainly grauen, signifying his name and surname,
and with the same shall stampe every piece of ware, to be prynt-
ed or stamped triangle, in three places upon the outside of the
upper parte of every piece so melted and cast, upon the payne to
forfeite the value of every piece of Cake solde, or offered to bee
solde, and not so stamped, or marked.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that
no manner of person or persons within this Realme or the Do-
minions thereof, shall from the sayde feast of Pentecoste, melt,
myre, worke or sell any manner of wrought ware, Stufte, or
wares wrought with ware, as in Lights, Stafforches, Red
ware, or Sealing ware, Bookecandle, Seatingcandle, Sea-
ring of dead corpes, Lynches, Greene ware, Red ware, or any o-
ther worke or thing whatsoever, to bee done or wrought with
ware to be put to sale, but with good, holsome, pure and conue-
nient stuffe, meete in such wares or worke in convenient quanti-
tie to be vsed. And that every person or persons, that shall worke
or sell such stuffe, or wares of ware, haue a Marke, Stampe or
Seale, to set on his or their worke, by him or them wrought, or
solde, to the intent that if any decoite bee vsed or done, it may

be knowen who were the workers thereof, and such person or persons as shalbe founde or knowen to worke or sell, or to sale put, any such false ware, or wares wrought with ware to be put to sale, shall forfeyte & lose the same corrupted or deceitfull ware and wares, the one halfe to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her Heires and Successors, and the other to the partie deceyued, if he shall sue for the same, or otherwise to him or them that will sue for the same by Action of Dette, Bill, Plainte, or Information in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, wherein no Elloyn, Protection or wager of Lawe shalbe allowed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persons whosoever, which after the Feast of Pentecoste aforesayde, shall sell or offer to be sould, any corrupted and false myngled ware, shall lose and forfeite the sayd ware, the one moytie thereof to be to the Queenes Maiestie, and the other to the partie deceyued if he shall sue for the same, or otherwise, to him or them that will sue for the same as is aforesayde. And that all Barrells, Kilderkens and firken filled with Hony by the maker and filler, shalbe marked with two letters standing for his name and surname, each letter of an Inche and a halfe of length at the least, burnt vpon the head of the Caske, with a whote Iron, vpon the payne to forfeyte vi. s. viii. d. for euery Barrell, Kilderken, firken or Caske, sould, or offered to be sould, and not so marked, and that if any person or persons doe, or shall after the xiiii. day of August next comming, after the ende of this Session of Parliament fill and sell, or cause to be filled or sould, or offered to be sould any Barrell, Kilderken or firken with Hony, for or in the name of a Barrell, Kilderken or firken, containing lesse then thirtie two wine Gallons the Barrell, sixteene wine Gallons the Kilderken, and eight wine Gallons the firkin: Euery person and persons so offending, shall forfeyte and lose for euery halfe Gallon so lacking, v. s. of English money: And euery person and persons, that shall corrupt the Hony so sould, or to be sould, with any deceitfull mixture, shall forfeite the Barrell or Vessel, and Hony therein conteyned, the one moytie wherof to be to our soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, and the other to him or them that will sue for the same as aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, that this acte as touching the marking of ware, shall not extende to any person or persons, selling the ware of their owne Bees in open markets, in small peeces, nor to any seruant or seruants, or other persons, myngling, or corrupting any ware, by commandement of their master or other person

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person hauing authoritie ouer them, so as they will confesse the same.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, shall at any time hereafter counterfeit any the markes aboue mentioned, or shal set to h markes or markes of any other person or persons, without h consent of the same person or persons, whose names the sayde markes shall signifie, that euery such offendour in the premisses, shall forfeite for euery such default five pounds: The one moytie thereof to be to h Queenes Maiestie, her Heires and Successors, and the other moytie to the pattie deceived, if he will sue for the same, or otherwise to any other person or persons, that shal sue for the same, by Bill, Action or Information, in any the Queenes Maiesties Courts of Record, wherein no Essoyne, Protection or Wager of Law shalbe admitted or allowed for the defend. And for non sufficiencie of payment thereof to be set on the Pillorie, in h next market towne to the place where such offence shall be committed, and to suffer three moneths imprisonment, without bayle or maynepsie for euery offence committed contrary to this article of this present acte.

An act for the abolishing of certeine deceitfull stuffe vsed in dying of Clothes, &c.

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Whereas of late yeres there hath byn brought into this Realme of Englande, from beyonde the seas, a certaine kinde of ware or stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, wherewith diuers Dyers, Clothyers, Hatmakers and others haue, and doe dye dayly diuers broade Clothes, Kirtles, Woolles, Pennekons, Bayle, Cottons, Hose, yarne, Hattes, Cappes, Flannels, Woodmals, Mochadoes, Rashe, Buffins, russe Mochadoes and other thinges, for as much

much as the colours made with the sayde stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, is false and deceitfull, and the clothes and other thinges therewith dyed, are not onely solde and utterred to the great deceyte of the Queenes louing subjects within this her Realme of Englande, but also beyonde the seas, to the great discredit and schaulder, as wel of *H* Marchants, as of the Dyers of this Realme: For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned, enacted, and established by the Queene our Soueraygne Lady, and by the assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the authoritie of the same, that all such Logwood, alias Blockwood, in whose handes soeuer the same shalbe founde, after the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel next ensuing, shalbe forfeited, and openly burned by authoritie of the Maior, or other head Officer of the citie or towne corporate, or of two Justices of peace of the Countie where it shalbe founde, and that, from and after twentie dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament, no person, of what degree soeuer he be, shal dye, or cause to be died any Cloth, wooll, or any other of the premises aboue mencioned, or any other thing whatsoeuer, with any of the sayd ware or stuffe called Logwood, alias Blockwood, upon payne that the Dyer of euery such seuerall thing so dyed, shall forfeite the value of the same thing so dyed: the one moytie to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heires, or successors, and the other moytie to him that will sue for the same, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information in any Court of Recorde, in which sute, no essoyne, protection, wager of lawe, nor writte of priuiledge for the defendaunt, shalbe admitted or allowed: And the partie offending, beyng thereof convicted, to remayne in prison without bayle or maynpryse, tyll he haue satisfied the same value.

And where Clothes, Karkies, & hosen haue bene dyed, with a colour which is commonly called a galled and mathered black, or with a colour commonly called a shoomacke and mathered blacke, which colours, although they carry a shewe of a good, true and perfect colour of woaded and mathered blacke, and of such as doe buy the saide colours, either in Cloth, Karkie, or hose, taken so to be, notwithstanding in prooue and weating prooue contrarie, to the great deceyte of the Queenes subjects, and discrediting of the cloth, and other thinges so dyed: For reformation whereof, be it enacted, that no kinde of Cloth or Clothes, Karkies, Bayes, Felladownes broad or narrow, hosen, or other thinges, being in the nature of cloth, shall from henceforth be mathered for a blacke, except the same be first grounded with woade

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woade onely, or with woade and a nele, alias blewe Inde, vnlesse the madder be put in with shomake or galls. And that from and after twentie dayes after the ende of this Session of Parliament, no person of what degree soeuer he be, shall dye, or cause to be dyed any cloth or clothes, or other thinges aboue sayde, of what kinde or nature soeuer, mathered for a blacke, not hauing a grounde of woade onely, or of woade and a nele, alias blewe Inde, vnlesse the madder bee put in with shomake or galls, vpon payne that the Dyer of euery such leuerall thing to dyed, shall forseye the value of the same thing to dyed, the one moitie thereof to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, her heires or Successours, and the other moitie to him that will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, playnt or Information, in any Court of Recorde, in which sute, no Escoyne, protection, wager of Lawe, nor writte of priuiledge for the Defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed, and the partie offending being thereof convicted, to remayne in prison, without bayle or mainpryse, till he haue satisfied the same value.

Provided alwayes, that it shall and may be lawfull to dye all maner of galle blacke, shomacke blacke, alias playne blacke, wherein no mather shall be used, as heretofore lawfully hath bene done, this Acte, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that euery Dyer that shall after the feast of Pentecost next ensuing the ende of this Session of Parliament, dye any of the sayde blacke Clothes, Karlies, or Friseadoes mathered and not woaded, shal before he deliuer any of the same forth of his handes, fixe a Seale of lead to euery of them, in which the letter D. signifying mathered, shalbe conteyned, vpon payne that euery Dyer offending to the contrary, shal forseye for euery parde of the sayde cloth, Karlies, Bayes, or Friseadoes, the summe of iii. s. iiii. d. And that if any person shal sell any Cloth, Karlies, Bayes or Friseadoes mathered and not woaded, after the sayd feast of Pentecost, and shall not first giue notyce to the buyer thereof, that the same is not woaded, shall forseye also the double value of all such cloth, Karlies, Bayes and Friseadoes, as he shal so sell, which forsaytures shalbe to the partie that shall sue for the same in any Court of Recorde, by action of debt, bill, playnt or information, to wherein no escoyn, protection, or wager of Lawe shall lye.

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An acte for the preserua- tion of Fesaunts and Partridges.

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Here the game of fesaunts & Partridges is within these fewes yerres in maner utterly decayed and destroyed in all partes of this Realme, by meanes of such as take them with Nettes, Snares, and other Engins and deuices, as well by day as by night, And also by occasion of such as doe vsurp the beginning of Haruest, before the young fesaunts and Partridges be

of any bignesse, to the great spoyle and hurt of Corne and Grassie then standing and growing in the fields:

For reformation thereof, be it enacted, established, & ordeined, by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes spirituall & temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, of what estate, degree or condition soeuer, shal at any time or times, from and after the first day of Aprill next ensuing, take, kill, or destroy any fesaunts or Partridges with any maner of Nettes, Snares, Gimmes, Enginnes, Bowsting, Lowsting or other deuices whatsoever, in the night time, upon payne of forfaiture for euery fesaunt so taken, killed or destroyed, contrary to the true meaning of this acte, the summe of twentie shillings, and for euery Partridge so taken, killed or destroyed, the summe of ten shillings, the which sayd penalties and forfaitures if euery person or persons so offending, doe not paye within terme daies next after his or their conuiction, then to haue one moneths imprisonment without Bayle or maynprise, and further, ouer and besides such forfaiture or imprisonment, to put in bonde with good sureties, for the space of two yerres, that he shall not take, kill, or destroy any Partridges or fesaunts, contrarie to the true meaning of this acte, the same bonde to be taken by some Justice of the

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of the peace, of the Countie where the said offence shalbe committed, The one halfe of all which sayde severall forfeitures to be to the chiefe Lord or Lords of the Liberties, Lordships or Manours, vpon and in which the same shall be so taken, killed or destroyed, And the other moytie to such person or persons as will sue for the same in any of her Maiesties Courts of Recorde, by Bill, playnte or Information. In which sute, no Essoyne, protection or Wager of Lawe shalbe allowed.

Provided alwayes, that if such person, to whome the one half of the sayd forfeiture is appoynted for the taking, killing or destroying of Partridges and Feasautes, contrarie to the tenour and true meaning of this acte, shall dispence with, Licence, or procure any taking, killing or destroying of any Partridges or feasautes contrarie to the forme of this acte: That then all such forfeitures and penalties as such person or persons shoulde haue, by vertue of this act, shalbe to the poore of the parish, where such taking, killing or destroying shalbe committed: And that to be leuied or recovered in maner & forme aforesaid, by any one of the Churchwardens of the parish where the offence shall be committed.

And be it likewise further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that no maner of person or persons from & after the sayd first day of Aprill, shal hawke, or with his Spaniels hunt, in any ground where cozne or other grayne shall then grow, (except it be in his owne ground) at such time as any Eared or Codded Cozne or grayne shalbe standing & growing vpon the same, nor before such time, as such cozne & graine shalbe shocked, cocked, hiled, or copied, vpon payne of forfeiture for euery time that he shal so hawke or hunte as aforesayde (without the consent of the owner of the Cozne or Grayne) to such person or persons as shall be owner of the sayde Eared or Codded cozne or grayne, fortie shillings, and the same to be leuied or recovered in maner and forme aforesayd.

Provided alwayes and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of Assizes in their circuites, and Justices of the peace in euery Shire, Countie and Towne corporate within this Realme, in their Sessions, within the severall lymites of their Commission, and Stewards of Leetes, Liberties and Lawdayes, within their severall Jurisdictions, shall and may by vertue hereof, heere, enquire and determine of all and euery offence or offences, which shalbe committed within the precinct of their Liberties, Jurisdictions or franchises, against the tenour of this acte. And further, that euery Justice of the peace within euery Countie of this Realme, shall within the lymites of his Commission, haue power and

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auctoritie by vertue hereof, to examine all offenders in the premisses within the Countie where he is or shalbe Justice, if so bee that the sayd offence or offences, shall not before be hearde or determined by the Justices of Assise in their circuittes, or by the Stewardestes of Leetes, Liberties or Lawdayes within their sayde generall Jurisdiccions, and also to take bonde with good Suerties for his & their appearaunce that shall so offende, to appeare at the next generall Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same Countie, where the same offence shalbe committed, to answer the saide offence, and to paye the penalties or receive the punishment by this acte appoynted or Lymited.

Provided alwayes, that this acte shal not in any wise extend to Lotobellers, Cramellers or others, which shall unwillingly happen to take any Partridges or Feasaunts by night, vnder any Cramell, Lotobell, Roadenette or other Engyn, So as they and euery of them doe presently loose and let goe euery Feasaunt and Partridge so taken, and suffer them presently to flye and go at large, at the place where they shal happen so to be taken, without willingly killing, or wilfully hurting any such Feasaunt or Partridge so taken in any maner of sort, Any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An act for the reedifying of Cardiffe Bridge in the Countie of Glamorgan.

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Whereas the Bridge lately standing vpon the Riuer of Toffe, neere the towne of Cardiffe, beyng an auncient Borrough, in the Countie of Glamorgan in Southwaies, and the onely chiefe Shire towne of the same Countie, is presently in vtter ruine and decaye, and so hath continued by the space of three yeres last past, and more: By reason whereof diuers the Queenes Maiesties subiects,
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not onely of that Countie and neyghbourhoode, but also many straungers traauayling to and through the sayde Towne, bring the only common poore way to all þe rest of Southwaies aforesayde, haue vtterly perished, and diuers others hardy estraped, to the great terrour and imminent perill of all such as haue occasion to traauayle that waye, and also to the impouerishing and hinderance of both the sayde Towne and countrey thereabouts and adioyning thereunto, if speedy remedy be not prouided in that behalfe. And notwithstanding diuers good profitable lawes and statutes haue bene heretofore in such cases most charitably prouided, and especially one Acte, intituled, an Acte concerning repayring and amending of Bridges in high wayes, made at the Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the xvi. day of Januarie, in the xxii. yere of the reigne of our late dread soueraigne Lord of famous memory King Henry þe eighth, yet such doubtles and ambiguities hath risen betwene the sayde Towne and Countie, touching certeine wordes and sentences in the same statute, That moze money was like to be spent in the explaining and determining of the same, then happely myght haue sufficed to haue reedified the sayde Bridge, which being by this present Parliament duely considered, with the poore state of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, and the vnhabilitie therof to performe so great a charge, though of right the buylding of the sayde Bridge had properly belonged vnto them, without all doubt or controuersie:

Be it therefore enacted and established by the Queneys most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, for the auoyding of further controuersies, that the sayde Towne and Countie shall ioyntly together, after the rate and proportion herein specified, proceede to the reedifying of the said Bridge, (that is to say) that the Countie shal alwayes bestowe fīue partes of the charges thereunto belonging, and the Towne of Cardiffe one parte, and so for euery fīue pounds payable by the Countie by this Act, the Towne of Cardiffe and liberties of the same, shal alwayes stand charged with twentie shillings, vntill the whole summe be defrayed, and the Bridge newly reedified and buylded:

And to the intent, that ouerlong delay may not be vsed in setting forwardes of so necessary and charitable a worke, and also that the Countie may haue all necessary and conuenient assistance in that behalfe: Be it likewise enacted by like auctoritie, that the sayde Bridge shalbe wholly buylded and finished

within the space of two yeeres next after the ende, dissolution, or prorogation of this present Session of Parliament, vpon payne of forfayture of the summe of one hundred poundes for euery yere, after the sayde two yeeres that the sayde worke or Bridge shall happen to be behinde vnfinished and vnperformed, whereof the Countie shall alwayes lose and paye foure score poundes, and the corporation or Towne of Cardiffe twentie poundes, The moitie whereof shall be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and Successours, The other moitie to him that will sue for the same in any the Queenes Maiesties Courtes of Record, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, wherein no Escoyne, protection, or wager of lawe shall be admittid or allowed: And that all other Boroughes, Corporations and liberties within the sayde Countie of Glamorgan, (the Towne of Cardiffe and liberties of the same onely excepted) shall be contributors, and beare their ratable and reasonable portions towarde the same, ioynly and together with the countrey or whole Countie of Glamorgan. And for the speedy leuying of all such summes of money as shall be necessary & requisite in this behalfe:

Be it hereby enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of peace of the Countie aforesaid, or any foure, thre, or two of the, whereof one to be of the Quorum out of the liberties of the saide Towne of Cardiffe, And the Mayor and Bailifes, or any two of them within the said Towne, iurisdiction and liberties of the same, shall hereby haue full power and auctoritie at all times hereafter, and from time to time as often as neede shall require, vntill the saide Bridge shall be fully reedified, to rate and asseesse the Countie aforesayd, with the seuerall hundreds, & euery Towne corporate, parish, village, and Hamlet within the same, & euery Inhabitant & dweller within euery & any of them, to such reasonable summe and summes of moneys, as to them shall be thought meete & conuenient, in due & proportionable maner, according as rates, taskes and tallages haue bene afore this time vsed to be there rated and leuied, or as nere thereunto as they can: And that such person and persons as they shall appoynt for the gathering, leuying or rating thereof, shall haue hereby full power and auctoritie, by way of distresse, vpon denyal, refusal, or non payment, to leuie the same, And to make sale of such distresses, according to the statute of the xxiij. of King Henry the eyght aforesayde, And the same moneys so leuyed, to be deliuered ouer and payed, so much thereof as shall be leuyed within the Countie aforesayd, out of the liberties of the Towne of Cardiffe aforesayde, to the sayd Justices, or to two of them, whereof one

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to be of the Quorum, or to such person as they shall appoynt: And so much as shall be leuyed within the liberties of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, to be deliuered ouer to the sayde Maior and Bailifes, or any to be appoynted by the consent of them, or any two of them, who shall imploye the same with as much speeds as conveniently may be, for the purpose aforesayd.

And if any within the Countie or liberties aforesayde, who shalbe tared or rated to pay any summe or summes of money in forme aforesayde, doe refuse the payment thereof, or otherwise withstande their distresses, or if any other that shall be charged to taske, rate, gather, leuy or paye ouer any the moneys aforesayde, shall refuse, withstande, denie, or impugne to accomplishe commaundement in that behalfe, to further the speedy executing, paying, and doing that shall be to them appoynted in manner aforesayde: Then euery such person and persons, if they be out of the liberties of the sayde Towne of Cardiffe, shall be imprisoned without bayle or mayneprife, by the discretion of the sayde Iustices, or any two of them, whereof the one to be of the Quorum: if within the sayde liberties, then by the discretion of the sayde Maior and Bailifes, or any two of them, vntill such time as they shall be conforable to abide the order of the sayde Iustices, Maior and Bailifes for their sayde offences.

And moreouer, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, if the sayde Iustices, Maior and Bailifes, or any one of them within their seuerall limites, not beyng letted by sicknesse, or some other true and reasonable excuse, shalbe negligent, or doe not by all wayes and meanes they can, procure the executing hereof by the space of two yeeres next after the ende or prorogation of this present Parliament, or hauing receyued any summe or summes of money aforesayde, towarde the reedifying of the sayde Bridge, doe deteyne the same, or any part thereof in his or their handes, or do not imploy the same thereupon with all convenient speede, and without any delay, But shall vse the same to his or their owne private profites, commodities or behoofes, to the hinderance of the said worke, That then euery such Iustice, Maior and Bailifes for euery default, shall forsayte and lose the summe of fortie poundes, One moytie whereof shall be imployed towarde the buylding of the sayd Bridge, and the other moytie to him that shall sue for the same in any of the Queenes Courtes of Recorde, by action of debt, byll or information, wherein no Essoyne, protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

And forasmuch as the buylding and reedifying of the sayde Bridge,

Bridge, shall or may stande to small purpose, if prouision for repairing and maynteyning thereof from time to time, and as often as neede shall require, be not foreserue and duely considered:

Be it therefore hereby enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that both the Towne of Cardiffe and whole countie of Glamorgan, shall ioyntly together from time to time, and as often as neede shall require, defraye all such charges as shalbe necessary in that behalfe, in maner and forme, and in like proportion as is before sayde, vpon the like payne aforesaid, if materiall default be made by the space aforesayde.

An acte for an addition vn-
to a former Act, made Anno xiii. of her Maiestie,
for the pauing of a streete without Algate,
leading to her Highnesse Storehouses at the
Minories and other places.

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Here, in the Parliament holde at Westminster, in the thirteenth yere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth the Queenes Maiestie that now is, an Act was made and ordeined for the pauing of one waye betwene two postes next Algate, sometimes called the Barres next Algate, in the parishe of S. Botolph, in the Suburbes of the Citie of London, and a corner house in the said parishe, then in the occupation of Thomas Sparrow, and of other wayes or streetes in the said acte expressed. In which act some doubts and defects haue byn and are: for explanation whereof and better prouision hereafter to be made for the amendement of the same wayes or streetes:

Be it explained and enacted by the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present

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present parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same: That the same waye or streete is, and standeth directly opposite or ouer against the parish church of S. Botolph without Algate, in the suburbes of London aforesaid, at the Northeast corner whereof, standeth the house or tenement, wherein one John Cely inhabiteth, & leadeth thence directly Southwarde alongest by her highnes storehouse of the Admiralles towardes the towne of London, to the uttermost limites of the corner house wherein John Bailly dwelleth Southeast, and there leaueth, somewhat beyonde the chennell there, which by the sayde late statute is prouided, for the conueying of the waters falling by the said way into the ditche, lying on the Northside of Hoglane, and beginneth againe somewhat short of the Southwest corner of her Maiesties storehouse, late known by the name of the Abbie of Marie Graces, and leadeth Eastward towards Ratcliffe, to a place sometimes called the olde Cage, where nowe a Boompie is erected & standeth, and from thence reacheth down Southwardes, vnto a water Myle, called and known by the name of Crasnyll, al which wayes or streetes are set, lying and being in Eastsmithfield, in the County of Middlesex, and in the said parish of S. Botolph without Algate, in the suburbes of London aforesaid, or Stebonhithe, which wayes or streetes, by meanes that some part thereof is yet vnpaued, and by reason as well of diuers her Maiesties carriages, passing by and through the said wayes or streetes, to & from her highnes Storehouses of the Admiralles, Marie Grace, and Ratcliffe, and to and from Algate and other places, within the citie of London and suburbes of the same, and other continuall passage, carriages, course and recourse of diuerse her Maiesties subiectes on horsebacke, and on foote, are become verie miery, and full of waerie, deepe and durtie places, both lothsome and noysome, as well to the inhabitantes of the saide wayes or streetes, as to all the Queenes Maiesties subiectes, hauing recourse to or through the same: Although for the pauing and amendement thereof, great charges haue of late yeeres bene defrayed, as well by the chamber of London, as by others, for the bettering of the same.

For reformation and amendement whereof, be it also enacted, ordeined and established by the auctoritie aforesaid, That all and euery person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and successours, that nowe be, or at any time hereafter shalbe seized of any manours, lands, tenements or hereditamentes, in any wise next adioyning to the sayd wayes or streetes, or any of them, either on the one side or on the other side

side or sides, of them or any of them, of any estate, of fee simple, fee taile, or for terme of life or lives, or by lease for terme of yeeres, shall before the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell next coming, after the ende of this present Session of parliament, sufficiently paue, or cause to be paued, with good pauing stones, the said wayes or streetes, and euery of them along by his or their mannours, landes, tenementes, or holdings adioyning to the same wayes or streetes, and euery, or any of them, directly from the doores, walles, pales, and other limits of his or their said mannours, landes, tenementes or holdings inclosed, vnto the middelt of the lately paued wayes or streetes, where carkes haue now their course and recourse: And shall at all times after the said feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell, next after the ende of this present parliament, sufficiently mainteine and repaire the pauements of the said waies or streetes, against euery of their said landes and tenementes, in such like maner & fourme as is aboue declared, vpon paine to forfeite vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, for euery yerde square of the said pauements, not sufficiently paued, repaired, amended or mainteined, five shillings eight pence, for euery moneth that the same shall rest vnpaued, vnrepaired and vnamended, after the said feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell, next after the ende of this present Session of parliament. And because the waters falling to, and vpon some of the saide wayes and streetes, commonly ouerfloweth into the ditche of the Tower of London, to the great annoyauce of the same:

It is therefore ordeined and established by the auctoritie aforesaid, That all and euery person and persons, bodie politique and corporate, their heires, successours and assignes, that now haue, or hereafter shal haue, any landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, in fee simple, or for terme of life or lives, or by lease for terme of yeeres, adioyning to the ditche on the Northside of Hogge lane, either on the one side or on the other, shall sufficiently before the said feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell, next after the ende of this present Session of parliament, scoure and cleanse, and so keepe scoured and cleansed the said ditch, on the Northside of Hogge lane, along their said landes, tenementes and hereditaments, to the middelt of the said ditch, vpon paine that euery person and persons, bodie politique and corporate, their heires, successours & assignes, which shall suffer the same, or any part thereof to be vnsoured and vncleansed, after the said feast day of Saint Michaell the Archangell next, shall likewise forfeite and lose to our said Soueraigne the Queenes Maiestie

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He, her heires and successours, six shillings eight pence for euery rod, viz. fiftene footes & a halfe, for euery moneth that the same shalbe vndone: The one halfe of all which forfaites to be to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, and the other halfe to him or them that will sue for the same.

And for the better keeping of the sayde wayes or streetes cleane & in good order, according to the true meaning of this act: Be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, That there be chosen and appointed by thassignement and appointment of the Iustices of peace within the citie of London, and in the said Countie of Middlesex, yearly at the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangel, one honest discrete mā, to be Scavenger for the yeere following. And euery house, garden and commoditie adioynning vpon the said wayes or streetes, to be taxed, and the owners of the same to paye towardes the wages of the same Scavenger, as it is accustomed in other places in the said warde and elsewhere within the citie of London, and as the said warde shall asseffe, vpon paine to paye to the Queenes Maiestie, her heires and successours, for euery defaulte, sixe shillings eight pence.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That the Iustices of Peace within the citie of London, or els the Iustices of the Peace in the said Countie of Middlesex, which for the time shalbe, at all times hereafter at the generall Sessions of Peace to be kept & holden in the saide Countie of Middlesex, shall haue authoritie to enquire of al and euery the said defaultes to be done within the power and limites of their commission: And further, to set and asseffe for such defaultes, vpon all and euery the person and persons, and bodie politique and corporate aforesaid, all such further penalties and summes of money for the not pauing, repairing, amending, scouring, cleansing or mainteining of the said wayes, streetes and ditche, as to their discretions shalbe thought meete. And that all such penalties & summes of money, as shalbe asseffed and taxed, shalbe forfeited and lost to our saide Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, as aforesaid.

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An acte for the Inning of Earyth and Plumsted Marsh.

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Here in the fift and eight yeres
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lent Soueraigne Lady Queene
Elizabeth, two feuerall statutes
were made touching the In-
ning and fencing of certayne
Groundes and Marshes lying
in the parishes of Earith, Lyl-
nes and Plumsted in the Cou-
ntie of Kent, then commonly
knowne by the names of Ea-
rith, Lylnes and Plumsted
marthe; from the water and
floodes of the River of Thames, and for the partition and diu-
sion of the sayd groundes and marshes, which so should happen
to be Inned, fenced and wonne within certayne times therein
lymited, with diuers and sundrie other clauses and branches in
the sayd two feuerall statutes made touching the sayd groundes
and marshes, as by the same more fully appeareth: Amongest
whiche sayd clauses and branches, It is by and in the sayd sta-
tute made in the sayd eight yere of the Reigne of our sayd So-
ueraygne Lady, amongst other things enacted, That it should
and might be lawfull to John Baptista Castilion, one of the
Groomes of the Queenes Maiesties privie Chamber, John
Gressham, Frauncis Robinson, Richard Pong, Symon Horse-
poole and Henry Hays, their heyres and Assignes, and to eu-
ry other their Seruants, Factours, Deputies, Labourers and
Workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the
sayd John Baptista, John Gressham, Frauncis Robinson, Ri-
chard Pong, Symon Horsepoole & Henry Hays, their heyres
or Assignes, at all and euery time & times after the tenth day of
Marche then next ensuing, during the tearme of eight yeres
then next following, to Inne, fence and wyne the residue of all
& singuler the groundes and marshes aforesaid, then surrounded
and ouerflowen with water, or any part or parcell of the, or any
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of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time, during the said tearme of eight yerres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde groundes and marshes, & euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of any parte or parcell of them, or any of them, as by the same statute made in the sayd eight yere, more fully and plainely appeareth. Since the making of which sayd statute, the sayd John Gressham lawfully constituted one Thomas Allen to be his Assignee, & the sayde Henry Hays likewise constituted one Walter Filber to be his Assignee, to and for the aforesayd affayres. And where, so much as fixe yerres, parcell of the sayde eight yerres, were almost expired the eight daye of Maye, in the fourteenth yere of the Reigne of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, and that the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayd groundes and marshes, was a huge charge, and required so much labour, as that it could not bee finished without longer time, And for that during the time of restraint betweene this Realme and the Lowe Countreyes, workemen most fitte for that purpose, could not be had by any meanes, and for that also the sayd groundes and marshes being once Inned, fenced and wonne, would be greatly profitable to the Common wealth, by the occasion of great numbers of Cattell that might there be kept, It was in the Session of Parliament holden at Westminster the said eight daye of May, in the sayd fourteenth yere of the Reigne of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lords Spirituall and Tempozall; and Commons in that Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, That it should and might be lawfull to the sayd John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, frauncis Robinson, Richard Pong, Symon Horspoole and Walter filber, their heyres and Assignes, and to euery other their Seruants, factors, Deputies, Labourers and workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the sayd John Baptista, Thomas Allen, frauncis Robinson, Richard Pong, Symon Horspoole and Walter Filber, their heyres and assignes, at al and euery time and times after the tenth daye of June then next ensuing, during the tearme of eight yerres then next folowing, to Inne, fence and winne the residue of all and singuler the groundes and marshes aforesayd, then surrounded or ouerflowen with water, or any part or parcell of them, or any of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time during the sayde tearme of eight yerres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing

and winning of the sayd groundes and marshes, and euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of any parte or parcel of them or any of them: And that immediately after the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde groundes and marshes or any of them, or any parte or parcell of them or any of them from the saide water and floods as is aforesayd, the sayd John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, Francis Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Walter Fisher, their heires and assignes, should haue and enioye to them, their heires and assignes for euer, the one moztie of the sayde groundes and marshes so by them to bee Inned, fenced and wonne, and should haue equal partition thereof to be made after such maner as the sayde John Baptista Castilion, John Gressham, Francis Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Henry Maye should haue had by force of the said former recited statute, made in the sayd eight yere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne, if they the sayde John Baptista Castilion, John Gressham, Francis Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Henry Maye had Inned, fenced and wonne the sayde groundes and marshes, according to the purporte of the sayde statute: And that the other part of the sayd groundes and marshes so then to be Inned, should bee to such persons, and in such maner, as by the sayd former recited statute is likewise mentioned: And that the sayd groundes and marshes so to be thereafter Inned, fenced and wonne by the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Allen, Francis Robinson, Richard Young, Symon Horsepoole and Walter Fisher, their heires, assignes, seruants, Deputies, Labourers and workemen, should be holden of such persons, and should be discharged of all Tythes for such like time, as by the sayd former recited Acte, made in the sayde eight yere of the Queenes Maiesties Reigne, is limited and appointed, as by the sayd later recited statute, made in the sayde fourteenth yere more fully & at large it doeth and may appeare. Since the making of which statute in the sayde fourteenth yere, All the partes, portions and interests of the Inners aforesayde, by lawfull conueyances, right and assuraunce, be in, and are come vnto the handes of the sayd John Baptista Castilion, and of Thomas Smyth, George Barne, the sayd Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Moyntz, James Gupchardine & Roger James, according to their seuerall porcions & the seuerall assignements thereof to them made. And where the sayde cyght yeres limited in the sayd statute of the said fourteenth yere, are now fully expired, and that the Inning, fencing and winning of the

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the sayd groundes and marshes, hath by some Tempestes and floods of water, and by sundry other impediments, by the acte of God and otherwise, besides the huge greatnes and charge of the worke it selfe byn so hindred, that it can not be finished without longer time: And whereas the owners of the sayd groundes and marshes, That is to say, those persons, their heires and assignes, and such as haue the estate of those which were owners of the sayd groundes and marshes before the surrounding thereof, to whome the sayd other halfe of the sayd groundes and marshes is by the sayd former statute made in the saide eight yeere mencioned, to be lymited and appointed, Haue in consideration of the great charges already imployed, and yet to bee imployed in the Inning, fencing and winning of the said marshes, consented and agreed, That the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Gynchardine and Roger James, their heires and assignes, shal haue to them, their heires and assignes for euer, one eight parte of the sayd other halfe, ouer and aboue the one halfe by the saide statute made in the sayde fourteenth yere lymited and appoynted to the said John Baptista Castilion, and others as is aforesayd:

It is nowe therfore enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, That it shall and may be lawfull to the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Gynchardine and Roger James, their heires and assignes, and to euery other their seruants, factours, deputies, labourers and workemen, and to euery of them, at the costs and charges of the said John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Gynchardine and Roger James, their heires and assignes, at all and euery time and times after the ende of this Session of Parliament, during the tearme of two yeeres then next following, to Inne, fence and wynue the residue of all and singuler the groundes and marshes aforesayde, nowe surrounded or overflowen with water, or any parte or parcell of them or any of them, at their willes and pleasure, and to labour, worke and trauell from time to time, during the said tearme of two yeeres, in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of the sayde groundes and marshes, and euery or any of them, or in, about and vpon the Inning, fencing and winning of

of any part or parcell of them, or any of them, And for the Inning and fencing of the sayd marshes and groundes, and for the mayntayning and continuing of the inning and fencing of the said marshes and groundes to be inned, to take and vse so much reede and earth yeerely, as is or shalbe in or vpon the premises, without contradiction or denyall of any person or persons, for the making, defence or safegard of the sayde wall onely, and not otherwise to be employed. And that immediately after the inning, fencing and winning of the said groundes and marshes, or any of them, or any part or parcell of them, or any of them from the sayde water and floods, as is aforesayde, The saide John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Gypchardine, and Roger James, their heires and assignes, shal haue and enioye to them; their heires and assignes for euer, the one halfe of all the sayde groundes, and also for and in consideration that they shal maintayne and repaire the walles and bankes of the same marshes so hereafter to be wonne, by the space of one whole yeere next after the inning and partition thereof, at the costs and charges of the sayde Inners, shal further haue and enioye to them and to their heires, one eyght part of the other halfe of the sayde groundes and marshes so hereafter inned, fenced and wonne, And shal likewise haue equall partition both of the saide halfe, and of the saide eight part of the said other halfe, to be made after such maner, as for the sayde halfe by the sayde former statutes made in the saide eight and fourteenth yerres is limited and appoynted, as if the same groundes and marshes had bene then inned and wonne accordingly, And that the residue of the sayde other halfe of the said groundes and marshes so to be inned, the saide eyght part being deducted as is aforesaide, shalbe to such persons, and in such maner and forme as by the saide former recited Statute made in the sayde eyght and fourteenth yerres is likewise mentioned. And that the groundes and marshes, and all groundes and marshes hereafter to be inned, fenced and wonne by the sayde John Baptista Castilion, Thomas Smith, George Barne, Richard Young, Thomas Fisher, Ferdinando Poyntz, James Gypchardine, & Roger James, their heires, assignes, seruants, deputies, labourers, and workemen, or by any of them, shal be holden of the Queenes Maestie, her heires and successours, as of her Mannour of East Greene- wiche in the Countie of Kent, in free Socage by fealtie, and one penny of rent of euery acre for all seruices, and of none other person or persons, or by any other seruices whatsoeuer. And that further

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further in consideration of their great costs, charges and travail, as well heretofore as hereafter to be susteyned and borne about the same, That the sayde landes and marshes hereafter to be inned as aforesayde, shalbe discharged of all tythes whatsoeuer, for & during the tearme of seven yeres next after the innning, fencing and winning of the same. And where there are (and by Gods acte may be) certaine shelues and foze landes more then nowe are, lying betweene the walles and boundes of the sayde marshes to be wonne, and the River of Thames, vpon some of which do or may growe Reedes and other things, profitable for the repairing of the sayde wall from time to time:

It is further enacted, that the sayd foze landes shalbe in common to the saide owners and Inners, their heires and assignes, and shalbe kept and mayntayned at the common charges of the sayde owners and Inners, their heires and assignes, And that it shall not be lawfull for any person, to digge or carry any of the earth or stufte of the sayde foze landes, or any of them, nor any reede or other thing thereupon growing or being, but onely for the reparation and maintayning of the walles and fences of the sayde marshes, on payne that euery person, which shall cutte, digge, carry away, or cause to be cutte, digged or carped away any ground, reede or other thing to any other vse then is aboue appoynted, shall forfeite for euery such offence, the summe of five poundes of lawfull money of Englande, for which it shall be lawfull for the saide Inners, or owners, or any of them, to sue for the same by action of debt, bill, playnt or information in any Court of Recorde, In which sute no ellopyne, protection, Wager of Law, nor writte of priuiledge for the defendant, shalbe admitted or allowed, all which summes so to be recouered, the charges of the said sute being deducted, shalbe employed to the reparation of the sayd walles and fences.

And be it likewise enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all bondes, couenants and agreements heretofore had or made, whereby the saide Inners, their heires or assignes shoulde haue any lesse or shorter time for the innning, winning and fencing of the said marshes, or whereby the same Inners, their heires and assignes shoulde haue and enioye any lesse or smaller portion of the sayd marshes for their charges, paynes and industrie about the innning and winning of the same marshes, then is limited and appoynted vnto them by this present Acte, and that all bondes, couenantes and promises, tending to the preuenting, hindering or staying of the making of this Acte, shalbe vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of no force nor effect in the lawe, any thing to

to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.
 Provided alwayes, that this Acte shall not extend to the late
 tinned marshes, commonly called or knowen by the name of Ca-
 rith marshes, or the banks, walles, and forelandes of the same,
 or to the reede or other commodities growing or coming in
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Here the Brelates and Cleargie of this prouince of Canterburie, haue most louingly and liberally for certeyne considerations, giuen and graunted to the Queenes most excellent Maiestie a Subsidie of five shillings of the pounce, to bee taken and leuied of all and singular their Promotions Spiritual within the sayde prouince, during the terme of three yerres now next ensuing, in such

certeine maner & forme, and with such exceptions & prouisions, as be specified and contained in a certeine Instrument by them thereof made and deliuered to the Queenes Highnes, vnder the Seale of the most Reuerende father in God, Edmund, now Archbishop of Canterburie, and Primate of al England, which Instrument is now exhibited in this present Parliament, to be ratified and confirmed. The tenour whereof ensueth in these wordes:

The Brelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, being lawfully congregated and assembled together in a Conuocation or Synode, considering their bounden dueties to your Maiestie their most natural and gracious souereigne Lady, and hauing in remembrance the manifold and ample benefites which they dayly receyue, not onely by your most gracious and godly gouernement, whereby they bee conserued in peace and quietnes, and so more able to serue God, and intende to their office and vocation. But also, and that most chiefly, by the setting forth and aduancing of Gods most holy worde, and his sincere and true Religion in this your Realme, and abolishing all forraigne power contrarie to the same: Considering also aswell the great charges, wherewith it cannot be, but that your Maiestie from time to time is like to be burthened, in defending and

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preferuing this your Realme, with other your Highnesse Dominions, as also the great charges wherewith your Maiestie hath bene in Irelande, and presently is charged, by reason of popishe mutinies and attemptes to the ouerthrowe of the true Religion and your Highnesse estate, as much as such practises either could or can preuaile.

In consideration of the premises, and for a true declaration of their bounden dueties, good hearts and mundes towards your Maiestie, with one vniforme agreement, accorde and consent together, with most heartie good will haue giuen and graunted, and by these presents doe giue and graunt to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, one Subsidie in maner and forme following.

That is to saye, That euerie Archebischoppe, Bishop, Deane, Archdeacon, Priouost, Master of Colledge, Prebendarie, Parson, Vicar, and euerie other person and persons, of whatsoeuer name or degree hee or they bee within the prouince of Canterburie, enioying any Spirituall promotion, or other Tempozall possession to the same Spirituall promotion annexed, nowe not deuided nor separated by acte of Parliament or otherwise, from the possession of the Cleargie, shall pay to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, for euery pounce that hee may verely dispende by reason of the sayd Spirituall promotion, the summe of fixe shillings. And for the true and certayne value of all the promotions and euery of them, wherof the payment of this Subsidie shall be made, the Rate, Taxation, Valuation & Estimation nowe remainyng of Recorde in your Maiesties Courte of Exchequer, for the payment of perpetuall Disine or Tente graunted to your Maiesties most Noble father, in the fixe and twentieth yeere of his reigne, concerning such promotions as now bee in the possession of the Cleargie, or of any other not deuided by any acte of Parliament, or otherwise alienated from the possession of the Cleargie, shall onely bee followed and obserued, without making any Valuation, Rate, Taxation or Estimation, other then in the saide Recorde is nowe comprised.

Provided alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayde Rate and Valuation before mencioned, is verely payde to your Highnesse for the saide perpetuall Disine, so as there remaineth onely nyne partes to the Incumbent cleare: This Subsidie of fixe shillings the pounce, shall be vnderstanded and meant onely of euery pounce of the sayd nine partes, and of no more.

Provided alwayes, that no person that is already promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, and hath compounded with

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with your Maiestie for the first fruites of the same, sithence the first day of October last past, in the yere of our Lorde, one thousand five hundredth fourescore, or that is or hereafter shalbe promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, and shall compound with your Maiestie, your Heires or Successours, for the first fruites of the same, on thisside the first day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde one thousande five hundredth fourescore and three, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same benefice or promotion to your Highnes, your Heires or Successours, with any part of this Subsidie, during the first yere after the time of any such compounding for his first fruites: And that euerie such person already promoted to any benefice or Spirituall promotion, as hath compounded with your Maiestie for the first fruites of the same, betweene the first daie of October, in the yere of our Lorde God, one thousande five hundredth seuentie and nine, and the saide first day of October, in the yere of our Lorde God, one thousande five hundredth and fourescore, shalbe contributorie or charged for the same promotion to your Highnes, your Heires or Successours, but only with the moytie of the first payment of the sayd Subsidie, in respect that the moytie of his first fruites for the sayde promotion, remayned vn timer paid to your Maiestie the sayd first of October, one thousand five hundredth and fourescore.

And your Brelates and Cleargie also doe graunt, that this Subsidie of five shillings the pounce, of the nine partes of the yerely value of euery promotion Spirituall aforesaide within the sayde prouince taxed as is aforesaid, shalbe payde to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successours, within three yeres next ensuing the date hereof, in maner and forme following: That is to say, two shillings of euery pounce aforesayde, in euery of the said three yeres: The first payment thereof to be due at the first day of October now next ensuing, in the yere of our Lord, one thousande five hundredth foure score and one: And the seconde payment thereof to be done at the first day of October, which shalbe in the yere of our Lorde, a thousande five hundredth foure score and two: And the thirde payment thereof to be due at the first day of October, in the yere of our Lorde, one thousande five hundredth foure score and three, to be deliuered and payde yerely, by such person and persons as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the Collection thereof to the Lorde high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of England for the time being, or to such other person or persons, and in such place or places, as it shal please your highnesse to appoint to be paide, at or before the two

and twentieth day of Januarie, in euery of the sayd three yerres, without paying any thing to the receiuer, or to any other officer or persons to bee assigned for the receite thereof, for any Acquittance or other discharge vpon any such payment or receite of the sayde Subsidie, or any parte thereof, to be giuen and deliuered but onely foure pence, and that to the Clarke, for writing of euery of the same Acquittances or discharge for euery of the same payments.

Item, your highnesse said Prelates and Cleargie also do graunt, that euery Priest and all other Ecclesiasticall persons, hauing any pencion payable by your Maiestie, your Heires or Successors, by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guildes and Hospitals, or of any other Spirituall dignitie or Corporation nowe dissolved within the sayde prouince of Canterburie, shall likewise pay to your Highnesse, your Heires and Successors, sixe shillings of euery pounce of the sayde pencions, within the said three yerres, at such dayes and times as are before specified: And that for the sure payment thereof, deduction and detention of the sayd sixe shillings shalbe made yeerely in the handes of the payers of the sayde pencions, after the rate and porcion of two shillings the pound, euery of the said three yerres to be accompted for and answered to your Maiesties vse, by your highnesse Receiuours and Officers deputed for payment of such pencions, in their seuerall accomptes, within the which allowance shall be giuen them for the payment of euery such pencions, liable to the seuerall payments of the sayd Subsidie.

Item, your sayd Prelates and Cleargie doe graunt, that euery Priest or Minister stipendary, receiuing an annuall stipende, being no perpetuitie of eight pounds or aboue within the sayde prouince, shall paye vnto the vse of your Highnesse, your Heires & Successors, sixe shillings and eight pence in euery of the sayde three yerres, at such time and to such persons, as the sayd Subsidies shalbe payed: And for default of payment of the said stipendaries, that euery Parson, Vicar or other Spirituall or Temporall person, Proprietarie or Farmour, hyring any Priest or Minister to serue in any place, shalbe answerable and charged for and with the payment of the sayde sixe shillings and eight pence for the sayde Priest or Minister, euery of the sayde three yerres, and shall and may make retention of his and their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendaries be charged with by this present graunt, euery of the said three yerres.

Item, your said Prelates and Cleargie doe graunt, that euery
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Archbishop and Bishoppe, and (the Sea being voyde) every Deane and Chapter of that Sea voyde, shalbe Collectours of this Subsidie within their proper Diocess, during the sayde three yerres, other then of the pensioners aforesaide, and the sayd Archbishop, Bishop, or the Sea being voyde, the Deane and Chapter shal certifie unto your Maiesties Court of Exchequier, vnder their Seales, the names and surnames of al such Riperarie Priests & Ministers within their Diocess, as be chargeable by this acte, at or before the sayd two and twentieth daye of Januarie, yerely during the sayd three yerres.

And your sayde Prelates and Cleergie doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by your Maiestie and your high Court of Parliament (for the speedie payment of the sayde Subsidie, and to auoyde delays thereof) that when and as often as any Collectour or Collectours chargeable with the collection of this Subsidie, or of any part thereof, or the Deputie or Deputies of any of them, shal offer the paiement thereof, or of any part thereof, to the vse of your Maiestie, your Heires or Successours, to any person or persons appointed to receiue the same by your Highnes, or by the said Lord high Treasurer, or Undertreasurer, that þ sayde person or persons so appointed, shal within foure dayes next after such appoyntment, receiue, or cause to be receiued the money so offered to be payd, without any further delay, and shal deliuer one sufficient bill, testifying the receite thereof, to the sayde Collectour or his Deputie, vpon euery such particuler payment: And that euery such Auditour as is or shalbe appoynted to take or receiue the accompt of any such Collectour or Collectours, shal within fixe dayes next after request to him to be made, truly and indifferently take the said accompt, and make allowance, as by this graunt is appointed, vpon paine that euery such person and persons appointed to receiue the same summe or summes of money so offered, and euery such Auditour shal lose and forfeite for euery default or delay to be made, to þ sayd Collectour or Collectours so offering to make payment or accompt as is aforesaid, the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull money of England, the one moytie thereof to be to your Maiestie, your Heires and Successours, and the other moytie to the sayd Collectour or Collectours so grieved, the same to bee payd vpon complaint made to the sayd Lord Treasurer, vnder Treasurer, or to þ Lord chiefe Baron of your Maiesties Court of Exchequier, who vpon such complaint, shal presently examine the matter, and finding default, shal commit the offendour to ward, there to remaine vntil he shal haue payde the said seuerall

all summes so forseyted.

And for the better leuying and recouering of the sayde Subsidie, your saide Prelates and Cleargie do likewise most humbly beseeche your Highnesse, that it may be enacted by your Maiestie and your sayde high Courte of Parliament, in maner and forme following (that is to saye) That euery Collectour of the sayde Subsidie, and of euery part and parcell thereof, and their lawfull Deputie or Deputies, may haue full power and auctoritie to ble all such wayes and meanes and procelle as be prescribed in the Acte of perpetuall disme for the Collection and leuying of the same, and may make accompt thereof before the Lorde high Tresourer, or Undertresourer of Englande for the time beyng, or any other Officer by your Highnesse or your Court of Erchequier to be appoynted for the same, and in such place as your Maiestie likewise shall assigne, in such wise and after such forme onely, as the sayde Archbishops and Bishoppes be now charged to make accompt for the said perpetuall Disme or Tenth, whereby is meant, that the lacke and default of payment of and for any Spirituall promotion or promotions, shall onely charge the incumbent or incumbentes, and such others as be bounden to paye the same, And that the Archebishoppe, Bishoppe, Deane and Chapitor, gathering that which they can receiue, and making payment thereof, shall for the rest not by them receiued, be discharged by their Certificat to be made at or before the two and twentieth day of Januarie, in euery of the sayd three yeres, vnto your Highnesse Court of Erchequier, And that six pence of euery pounce, wherewith the Collectour shall be charged in his accompt cleerely to be payed in to the receite of your Maiesties Erchequier, or into such other place as shall please your Highnesse to appoynt, shall be allowed to the sayde Collectour vpon his accompt for the same in euery of the sayde three yeres for the charges of Collection, portage, safe conueying and paying of the same Subsidie.

And moreover, that it may be enacted likewise, that after any payment of the sayde Subsidie shalbe once due by vertue of this graunt in any of the sayde three yeres, if any incumbent of any benefice or promotion Spirituall charged to the payment of the same Subsidie, beyng at any time after that the same payment shall be due, lawfully monished, eyther personally or at his dignitie, stall, Church or mansion house by the Archebishoppe or Bishoppe of the Dioces, or his deputie or deputies, or the Deane and Chapitor (the Sea being voyde) or by any their deputie or deputies auctorized in that behalfe, to appeare by himselfe, or his

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his deputie, at a certaine daye or place of conuenient distance to the sayde Incumbent then to be signified and prefixed, and then and there to pay such part of the sayde Subsidie for his benefice or promotion spirituall, as then by vertue of this graunt shalbe due, doe not eyther at the same day and place so to him signified and prefixed, truely content and paye, or cause to be contented and payed the same part of the sayde Subsidie, which then by him shalbe due to be payed vnto the same Archbishop or Bishop, or to his deputie or deputies, or to the Deane and Chapitor of any Sea being boyde, or to their deputie or deputies, or to one of them shewing sufficient deputation from the sayde Archebishop, Bishop, or Deane and Chapitor, vnder his or their Scale in that behalfe, being ready at the same daye and place so signified and prefixed, to receiue any payment of the sayde Subsidie then due, and openly demaunding the same, or else pay the same within fortie dayes next after any such prefixed daye at the furthest (so that open demaunde be made of the sayde Subsidie in and at the sayde place and day before prefixed:) that then euery Incumbent so making default of payment of his parte of the sayde Subsidie, in any of the sayd thre yeres, after such default thereof certified into your Maiesties Exchequier in writing, vnder the Scale and hande writing of any Archbishop or Bishop, or the common scale of the Deane and Chapitor, the Sea being boyde, charged with the Collection of the same Subsidie, so that the sayde Certificat shalbe made according to the forme hereafter expressed, and exhibited into your Maiesties sayde Court of Exchequier, at or before the two and twentieth day of Januarie in euery of the saide thre yeres, shall forfeite and lose vnto your Maiestie, your heires or Successours, all the profites which of that only dignitie, benefice or promotion, for the which he maketh such default of payment, and whereof such certificat shalbe made, shall come, growe or arise vnto him, (ouer and aboue the charges of seruing of the Cure) in one whole yere next after such Certificat made and deliuered into your Highnesse Court of Exchequier, and there admitted, in case the same Incumbent shall so long liue: And that euery Certificat of any such default of payment, shalbe made according to the tenour and effect ensuing, mutatis mutandis.

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ne vicesimo tertio editi, & prouisi ad colligendum & leuandum Subsidium eidem dominæ Reginz, in eodem parlamento per Prælatos & Clerum Cantuarien. prouinciæ concessum: videlicet, pro prima solutione inde soluend. primo die Octobris vltimo præterito infra Diocesim nostram deputatus & auctorizatus omnimodam reuerentiam tantis viris debitam cum honore. Vestris reuerentiis harum serie annuntio & certifico, me præfatum Episcopum modo quo præfertur deputat. & auctorizat. sufficienter, & cum omni diligentia requisisse per
deputat. meum in hac parte, de quocunque beneficio & promotione ecclesiastica, in quadam Scheda presentibus annexa specificatis summas dicti Subsidii, pro dictis beneficiis & promotionibus debitas pro prima solutione dicti Subsidii debiti soluend. dicto primo die Octobris vltimo præterito, prout in eadem scheda presentibus annex. plenius liquet & apparet. Sed dictas summas ex causis in eadem scheda allegatis recipere non potui. In cuius rei Testimonium Sigillum meum presentibus apponi feci dat. die Anno Domini millimo quingentesimo, octogesimo primo. **The forme of which schedule aboue mentioned ensueth,**

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ibidem monitus fuit apud prædict.
die vltimo præterito, per N. O. Deputatum
meum ad soluend. apud ecclesiam de L. in commitat. E.
die tunc prox. sequen. illam partem Subsidii per
ipsum debitam primo die Octobris vltimo præterito, pro promotione
sua prædicta. Sed prædict. A. B. nec apud ecclesiam de L. prædictam
eodem die nec alibi per quadraginta
dies postea summam per ipsum debitam (vt præfertur) soluit vel satisfecit, neque dictam summam de proficuis dictæ promotionis nec de bonis & cattallis dicti A. B. aliquo modo leuare siue recipere potui.

Provided alwayes, that if any person or Incumbent chargeable by this acte or graunt to any paymēt of this Subsidie, shal profer or tender payment of any summe due to the Archbishoppe or Bishoppe, or to the Deane and Chapter, where the Sea is boorde, or to any deputie or deputies of any Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and chapter aforesaide, at any tyme before the certificat exhibited into the Exchequer as is aforesaid: That the notwithstanding the certificat made as is aforesaide, against any such person, the saide Incumbent or person, against whom the certificat was so made, shal and may auerre the offer or tender of his payment as is aforesaid, and of the same shalbe tried, either by sufficient witnesses before the Lord Treasurer or Barons of the Exchequer, or by the triall of twelue men, vpon any issue

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issie thereupon to be ioyned betwixt the same Incumbent or any other person or persons, that he or any for him did offer or tender the payment of the summe due as is aforesaid: That then every such Incumbent shall haue and enioye his promotion or promotions still, without forfaiting or losing to your Maie-
stie, your heires or successours, any of the profitcs thereof, and as though no certificat or default of such payment had bin made or exhibited, any thing in this graunt or act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And furthermore, that it may be enacted likewise, that every Archbishop and Bishop, and Deane and chapter of every See vacant, and other persons chargeable to and with the collectiõ of the said Subsidie of sixe shillings the pound, within the said prouince of Canterburie, shall and may haue vpon every payment of the same Subsidie made to the Lorde high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer of Englande for the time being, or to such other person or persons, in place and places, to whom and where it shall please your highnes or your court of Exchequer to appoint for the receipt thereof in euery of the said three yeeres, a sufficient acquittance, discharge, or quietus est in wyting of the saide Lorde high Treasurer or vnder Treasurer, or of such other person or persons, as either your highnes or your said court of Exchequer shal assigne for the receipt thereof, or as heretofore in the like cases it hath byn accustomed: þ same acquittance, discharge or quietus est witnessing þ receipt of asmuch of the same summe of the said subsidie as shalbe so receiued. And euery such acquittance, discharge or quietus est in wyting, sealed or subscribed with the name or names of the said Lord high Treasurer, or vnder Treasurer for the time being, or of such auditor or other person or persons, as it shall please your highnes or your said court of Exchequer to appoint for the same receiptes, or of such others as heretofore in like cases it hath bene bled, shal and may be good and effectuell in the Lawe, and be also as sufficient discharge to all and euery of the said collectors, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as if the same were made by act of parliament. And that euery of the saide collectors shall pay but onely three shillings and foure pence for euery generall and small acquittance, discharge or quietus est, for euery yeeres payment of the said Subsidie: And also that euery particular acquittance, which vpon payment of any part of the saide subsidie shalbe made by any collector or collectors of the same subsidie, or of any payment thereof, or by his or their deputie or deputies in
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that behalfe, to any incumbent of any benefice or promotion spirituall, or to any person or persons contributozie and chargeable to and with the same subsidie or any part or paimēt thereof, shalbe good and effectuell in the Lawe, and a full and sufficient discharge to euery such incumbent and other person and his benefice and promotion spirituall, of and for all such summe and summes of money, as by the same acquittance shalbe acknowledged to be receiued in respect of the same benefice or promotion spirituall, for any paiment or part of the same subsidie: And that none acquittance of any other person or persons made before such certificat, shall in any wise discharge any person or promotion for any part of this subsidie, nor of any paine, penaltie or forfeiture specified in this graunt: And to the intent it may be knowen to the court of Exchequer, who be the deputie or deputies of euery such Archbishop, Bishop or Deane and chapter, able to make acquittance, euery Archbishop, Bishop and Deane and chapter of any sea being boyde, shall peereley with the certificat of the names of stipendarie priestes, certifie the name and names of euery the deputies, to bee appointed as is aforesaid.

Provided also, that no spirituall promotions, or any lands, possessions or reuenues annexed to the same, being charged by this graunt of the prouince of Canterbury, or any goods or cattels growing, being or renewing vpon the same, or els where appertaining to the owners of the saide spirituall promotions, or to any of them, shalbe charged or made contributozie to any fiftenth or tenth, or any other subsidie already granted to your highnes by the Laptie, or hereafter to be graunted, during the terme of the saide three peeres.

Provided also, that all Deanes, Archdeacons, Dignities, Masters, Wardens and Prebendaries of all cathedrall and collegiate churches and colleges, or any of them within the said prouince, shalbe charged with this subsidie for those possessions, reuenues and promotions onely, which to their seuerall promotions, dignities and roomes are clerely and distinctly limited, and to their owne onely vles seuered, thereof to paye (the tenth part being deducted) sixe shillings of euery pound, within þe said three peeres, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehearsed: And that all those rentes, possessions, profites, portions, hereditaments, and spirituall promotions, and euery of them heretofore by your highnes, or any your Maiesties noble progenitours, or any other person or persons whatsoener, giuen, graunted, bequeathed,

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quethed, diuiled or impropried vnto the sayde Cathedrall or collegiat churches or colleges, or to any of them, which any waies be assigned, imployed or vled, either for or towarde the peere maintenance of poore men, Scholemasters, Vshers, Grammarians, Peticanmons, Conductes, Vicars, Chozall readers of diuinitie, Singing men, Choisters, Clergers, Serrens, or of any other necessarie and dailie officers or ministers, in such Cathedrall or collegiat churches or colleges, or any of them, or for or towarde the reedifying or repairing of any of the same Cathedrall or collegiate churches or colleges, shall not be charged with any part of this subsidie. The certaintie of which portions aswell chargeable to this subsidie, as not chargeable in this behalfe, the Archebishop, or Bishop of the Dioces, or (the Sea being void) the Dene and chapter, or any other to whom the same shall or may appertaine vpon due seache & examination, shall certifie vnder his or their seale, into your highnes said court of Exchequer, at or before the said xxii. day of Januarie, in euery of the saide three yeeres.

Þrouided also, that euery Parson, Vicar or other spirituall person, paying any pension wherof no allowance is made in the valuation of his promotion or benefice, shall and may retaine two shillings of euery pound, of euery such pension euery yeere during the said three yeeres to his owne reliefe, in consideration that he is charged to pay this Subsidie of sixe shillings the pound out of euery pound, of the whole value of his promotion, any couenaunt, graunt or bonde to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, and your sayd Prelates and Clergie doe most humbly beseech your highnes, that it may be enacted by your Maiesties auctoritie, and your high court of Parliament, that where certaine landes, tenementes, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruites and other hereditamets, lately belonging to diuers cathedrall churches, and to other places and persons ecclesiasticall within the saide prouince of Canterburie, which were giuen and assigned to be bestowed and spent, in and on finding and mainteining of certaine chaunceries, anniuersaries, obites, lightes, lampes, and other like charges, intentes and purposes, of late came into the handes and possession of the late King of famous memorie, Edward the sixte, by force of a statute thereof made in the first yeere of his late reigne, as by the saide Statute more plainly appeareth: That þ sayde Cathedrall churches, and the Bishops, Deanes or

Prebendes and Chapitours, and Prebendaries of the same, and all other places and persons ecclesiasticall or any of them, to whom the said landes, rentes and other the premises or any of them did lately appertaine, shall not during y^e said three yeeres, be charged to and with any paiement of subsidie, of and for that part or portion of landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions and other hereditaments, or any of them, whereunto the said late king, by force of the said statute, was intituled or possessed of, nor of any yeerely rentes or payments, going out or due to be payed vnto your Maiestie out of the premises, nor any part thereof, but only of, and for all and singuler landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions, tithes, pensions, portions, fruites and other hereditaments, which doe yet still remaine not disseuered from the handes and possessions of the saide cathedral churches, and other the places and persons ecclesiasticall aforesaide: And that deduction and allowance thereof be made to them, and euery of them accordingly, in & vpon euery paiement of this saide subsidie out of the whole balewe, taxation and estimatiō made for the paiement of the said perpetuall dime or tenth remaining of recorde in your highnes court of Exchequer for that rate and portion of landes, tenements, rentes, spirituall promotions and other hereditaments, and those yeerely payments, whereunto the said late king was intituled or possessed of, or which sithence the making of the saide statute, by reason that they haue bene founde as landes, tenements, rentes, tythes, or other hereditaments concealed from the sayde late king Edward the sixte, the late king Henry the eight, from the late Queene Mary, or any of them, or from your Maiestie, or otherwise are seuered from the possessions of the saide cathedral churches and other places and persons aforesaide, or of any of them, by force of the statute premised, or any other wyle.

Provided also, that this subsidie granted by the Clergie, shal not be demaunded or leuied out of any benefice, house of students or colledge situate or set within either of the vniuersities of Oxford or Cambridge, or any benefice, landes or other reuenues vnto the saide vniuersities or either of them, or to any house of students or colledge in any of the same vniuersities vnited, appropriated or appertaining, or out of any benefice, landes or reuenues of the colledge of Wyndesore, or of y^e colledge of Westminster, being of your Maiesties foundation, or of the colledge of Eaton nigh Wyndesore, or of the colledge called S. Maries colledge by Winchester, founded by William Wickham,
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Provided alwaies, that all Parsons, Vicars, and other ecclesiasticall persons, whose benefices are not above five poundes, thirtene shillings and foure pence by yeere, after the taxation aforesaide, shall not be charged with this subsidie, or any part thereof.

Provided also, that every Vicar, whose benefice is eight poundes or above, and not above tenne poundes by the yeere, after the taxation aforesaide, shall paye every yeere of the saide three yeeres onely, five shillings eight pence for his part of the said subsidie, as stipendarie priests be charged to paye by force of this graunt & not otherwise. And if it be vnder eight poundes, he shall not be charged with any part of the said subsidie.

Provided also, that every Priest, and all other Ecclesiasticall or late religious persons, having a pencion by reason of the dissolution of the late Monasteries, Colledges, free Chappelles, Chaunteries, Fraternities, Guildes and Hospitals, or any other Incorporation within the prouince of Canterburie, or any of them, and being of the summe of foure poundes or vnder, and not above, shall not be charged or chargeable for any such pencion, Any thing conteyned in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the sure and true payment of this Subsidie graunted by your saide Prelates and Cleargie of the prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, purport, effect and true meaning of this present graunt, your saide Prelates & Cleargie most humbly desire your Highnesse, that this their saide gyft, graunt and Subsidie, and every matter, summe of money, petition, clause, provisions and sentences in this Instrument contained concerning the saide Subsidie, may be ratified, established and confirmed by the auctoritie of your Highnesse Court of Parliament.

Wherefore for the true and sure payment of the saide Subsidie graunted by the saide Prelates and Cleargie of the said prouince of Canterburie, according to the tenour, effect and true meaning of the said Instrument: Be it enacted by the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commones in this present Parliament

ment assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd giftes and graunt, and every matter, summe of money, petition, provision, clause and sentence in the same Instrument contayned, shall stand and be ratified, established and confirmed by the auctoritie of this present Parliament.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that every person that shalbe appoynted to the collection and gathering of the sayde Subsidie, shall have full power and auctoritie to leuie, take and perceyue the same Subsidie by the auctoritie of the censures of the Church, that is to say, by Suspension, Excommunication or Interdiction, and also by sequestration of the frutes and profittes of their Benefices and promotions Spirituall, in whose handes soeuer they be, and to make sale of the same frutes, without daunger of the Lawes of this Realme, or by distresses vpon the possessions of the Farmours or occupiers of the Landes and Tenements chargeable by the said Instrumentes, for or to the payment of any summe or summes of money to be due by force thereof, or otherwise by the discretion of the Collectour thereof. And that no repleuie, prohibition or Supercedias shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persons making default for the payment of the sayde Subsidie, contrary to the tenour of the graunt thereof, vntill such time as they haue truly satisfied and contented all such part or portions, as to the in that behalfe appertayneth. And that every such Farmour and Farmours, their executors and assignes, that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and with the payment of the sayde Subsidie, or any part thereof, shall by the auctoritie aforesayde be allowed, and reteine in his handes as much of his yerely rent or Farme, as þe summe which he shall fortune to pay for his Lord or Leassour, shall extend vnto, Except the sayd Farmour or Farmours, their executors or assignes, by the Lease and graunt that they haue of any part of the landes, tythes, profittes, tenements chargeable to the sayde Subsidie, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounde and charged to paye the same, and thereof to discharge the Leassour and Landlord, during the terme mencioned in the sayde Lease.

And likewise be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that whereas diuers Curates lyable to this Subsidie, being oftentimes remouable, doe serue as well in diuers Impropriations belonging to the Queenes Maiestie, as in other Spirituall promotions belonging to other persons, that for the speedy recouerie of the sayde Subsidie, it may be lawfull to
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the Collectour or Collectours of the sayd Subsidie, their deputy or deputies to leuie the sayde Subsidie vpon the farmour or farmours, or occupiers of all such Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, by all censures of the Church aforesayd and euery of them, or by way of distresse of Tythes of the sayde Impropriation or Impropriations and Spirituall promotions, or otherwise vpon the goods and Cattailles of the sayde farmour or farmours and occupiers, In which case no Inhibition, prohibition, repleuie or other processe awarded to the contrary shalbe obeyed, any Lawe, Statutes, priuiledges or customes to the contrary hereof heretofore made, graunted or vled, or hereafter to be made, graunted or vled to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: And that it may be lawfull to the Collectours and the officers and ministers of such Archebischoppe, Bischoppe and Deane and Chapter, for not payment of the saide Subsidie, after the same shall be due in any of the sayde three yeres, to paye and value the sayde distresse or distresses, by two indifferent neighbours by him to be chose, and the distresse or distresses so payed, to sell, and thereof to deteyne so much money as shall amount to the summe payable to the Queenes Maiestie, with the reasonable charges also of the sayde Collectour susteyned in that behalfe, and the rest of the money made of the said distresse, to be deliuered and payed to the owner and occupier thereof.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that euery laye person, hauing Spirituall promotion chargeable by this Acte, and also hauing Temporall possessions, goods, cattailles and debtes chargeable to the sayde Subsidie graunted in this Parliament by the Temporalitie, shalbe taxed, charged and set for his sayde Spirituall promotions with the Cleargie, and for his Temporall possessions and chattels reall with the Temporalitie, and not otherwise, Any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that all and euery graunt and grauntes of all and euery summe and summes of money, which hereafter shall be graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by the Cleargie of the prouince of Yorke, shalbe of the same strength, force and effect in all thinges, as the sayde graunt made by the sayde prouince of Canterburie, and shalbe taxed, certified, collected, leuyed, gathered and payed, according to the tenour, forme and effect of this present Acte of Parliament, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, in such maner and forme, as though it were specially, playnly and parti-

particulerly expresse and rehearsed in this present Acte, by expresse wordes, termes and sentences in their severall natures and kindes.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all **P**rovidoes before rehearsed, contained in the sayd graunt of the **B**ishops and **C**leargie of the province of **C**anterburie, and the like of the same **P**rovidoes hereafter to be contained in the graunt of the **B**ishops and **C**leargie of the province of **W**orke, shalbe good and effectuell, and to be observed and kept in every point and article, according to the true purport and meaning of the same.

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W your Maiesties most obedient, humble, faithfull and louing Subiects, being here in your most high Courte of Parliamēt assembled, cānot but at our fyrst meeting and consultation, enter into due cōsideratiō of the great charges your highnesse hath sustained, not only in seeking by way of preuention, to stoppe such forreigne attempts as otherwisse (not prouided for)

might haue beene made very daungerous against this your Highnesse Realme, & by your Subiects (which hath not, & as wee well consider, coulde not be perfourmed without the imployment diuers wayes of some great portion of treasure) but especially hath beene now of late put to an infinite charges both by Sea and by land, in the prosecution of certayne euil affected members of your highnesse Realme of Ireland, that most disloyally, and unnaturally entred into actuall rebellion, with a manifest intent to shake of the subiection and obedience, that by the lawes of God and man, they are bounde to yeelde: And as much as in them was, to deprive and bereaue the Crowne of that Realme from this your Imperiall Crowne of England, to which it hath beene so many yeeres ioyned & annexed, and that principally by the practise and procurement of the Bishop of Rome, enemy to God, your Maiestie, & to all this your Realme, not without the countenance & help of some other great and mightie potentates his adherents: Although Almighty God of his goodnes, hath hitherto giuen your Maiestie victorie, & diuerted the attempts, making them vaine & fruitlesse.

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And therefore these thinges by vs considered, we cannot but with all dutifulnesse, if wee did onely consider the charges past, without regarde of the necessity to withstande future attemptes, but present vnto your Maiestie our readynesse, yeelding to your Hyghnesse some liberall contribution, but when wee enter into further consideration, first, howe the yere late kindeled in that your Hyghnesse Realme of Ireland, is not yet quenched, wherby your Maiestie is forced to your infinite charges, aswel to subdue the euill affected of that Realme, as also to impeache the fozeine assistance, that by common reporte, and specially by continuall sollicitation of sundry Traitors that were naturally borne Subiectes to this and that your Crowne of Irelande, but vnnaturally are broken off, and become monstrous rotten members, is preparing to repayre thither to continue great forces in pay aswell by Sea as by lande:

Secondarily, what aduertisement and forewarnings come as it were from all partes of Christendome of an intended inuasion not onely against your said Realme of Irelande, but against the rest of your Maiesties Realmes and Dominions:

And lastly what practises are lately set a broche, & in part put in execution, to breede a diuorce and alienation of the good amitye that hath bene betweene your Maiestie and your next neyghbour, which yf the same should take place, cannot but bee an occasion of great expences and charges:

Therefore vpon viewe of the premises, considering the great and most necessarie charges already passe, by your Hyghnesse sustained, and greater lyke to ensue, (if wee were so ingrate as to forget the great benefites that wee haue receyued through the goodnesse of Almightye GOD, vnder your Maiesties most blessed & happy gouernment, as the like was neuer enioyed by any Subiects of this land) cannot, but in regarde of our owne particular safeties, strayne our selues to the uttermost of our power, to yeelde suche contribution, as the preservation of your most excellent Maiestie, and of our selues your most humble Subiects, doth most fully require.

And therefore to shewe our selues aswell thankfull towarde your Maiestie, as carefull to prouide that which maye bee for our owne Safetie, Doe with
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all humilitie, present vnto your Highnesse a Subsidie, and two fifteenes and Tenthes, towards your Highnesse greate charges. And for the better assurance and leuying of this out small contribution of one Subsidie and two fifteenes and Tenthes, wee your faithfull and obedient Subjects doe most humbly beseeche your Maestie, that it may be enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, in maner and fourme following, That is to say, that your Highnesse shall haue two fifteenes and Tenthes, to bee paid take & leuied of the moueable Goods, Cattels, and other thinges, vsuall to suche fifteenes & Tenthes to be contributoze and chargeable, within the Shyres, Cities, Borowes, Townes and other places of this your Maesties Realme, in maner and fourme aforesaid bled, except the summe of twelue thousande poundes thereof fully to bee deducted, that is to say, sixe thousande poundes of either of the said whole fifteenes and Tenthes, in reliefe, comfort and discharge of the pooze townes, Cities & Borowhes of this your said Realme wasted, desolate, or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after such rate as was and hath afore this time been had & made to euerie Shire. And to be diuided in suche maner and fourme, as heeretofore, for one whole fyfteene and Tenth, hath been had and deuided. And the sayde two fifteenes and Tenthes (the exception and deduction aforesaid, thereupon had deducted and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme following, that is to say, the first whole fyfteene and Tenth (except before excepted) to bee payde to your Highnesse in the receipte of your Highnesse Exchequer before the fourth day of June next comming. And the sayd seconde fyfteene & Tenth (except before excepted) to bee payd to your Highnesse in the said receipt of your exchequer before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the peere of our Lorde God, one thousand, siue hundred, fourescore and two.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the Knights elected and returned, of, and for the Shires within this Realme, for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burgesles of Borowhes and Townes, where Collectours haue been bled to be named and appointed for the collection of any fyfteene and Tenth, before this time graunted, shall name and appoint before the tenth day of April next comming, sufficient & able persons to bee Collectours, for the collection of the saide first fyfteene and Tenth. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of Marche, which shall be in the peere of our Lorde God, one thousand siue hundred

hundred fourescore and one, other sufficient and able persons, to be Collectors for the collectio of þ second fifteene & Tenth, in every of the said shires, Cities, Borowghes and Townes, The sayde persons then hauing landes, teneimentes and other hereditaments in theyr owne ryght, of an estate of inheritance, of the yearely value of twenty poundes, or in goods, woorth two hundred poundes at the least, after such rate and value as he shalbe rated in the Subsidy booke, if any such be in the sayd limittes. And for want of such so assessed, that those shal be appoynted Collectors, that then shalbe rated and taxed in the Subsidie booke, in landes or goods nearest to the values aforesaide.

And also such person and persons so by them to be named & appointed, for the collection of the sayde two fyfteenes and Tenthes, shalbe by them severally appoynted and allotted into Hundreds, rapes, wapentakes, cities, borowghes & townes.

And also the sayde persons so named and appointed for the collection of the sayd severall fifteenes and Tenthes, shal be severally charged and chargeable, vpon his or theyr account or accountes in the Exchequer to be made, withal such summe or summes of money, as the Hundred, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Borowghes and Townes, where hee or they shal so happen to be appoynted shal amount vnto, and of no more summe or summes: And vpon the payment of such summes of money as he or they shal be so charged with, shalbe discharged and haue his and their *Quietus est*, The not accounting or non payment of any other his fellowes, or the insufficiencie of the, or any of the notwithstanding. And the names & surnames, of every of the saide Collectors, for the sayd fyfteenth and Tenth, together with the places allotted to theyr Collectio and charge, the saide knights, Citizens, and Burgesles, for the shires, Cities and Borowghes, wher vnto they be allotted, named & returned, shal certifie before the Queenes Maiestie in her Chauncery, before the tenth day of May next coming. And likewise the names & surnames of every of the said Collectors so to be named & appointed for the collection of the said seconde fifteene & tenth, together with þ places allotted to their collection & charge, the sayd knights, citizens and burgesles, shal likewise certify into þ said court of Chauncery before the tenth day of April, which shalbe in þ pere of our Lord God, one thousand, five hundred, fourescore and two, according to the tenor of this act. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme as is aforesaid, then the lord Chawcellour of Englad, or heper of þ great seale for þ time being, shal immediately after,
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name and appoynt Collectors, for the collection of either of the sayd fifteenes and tenthes in such like maner and fourme as the saide knightes of the Wyre, Citizens of Cities, and Burgesles of Borowghes shoulde haue doone, and as afozetime hath been vled. The which said Collectors and euery of them so to bee named and appoynted as is afozelayde shall haue allowance vpon theyr accountes for theyr fees, wages and rewardes for the collection of the sayd fyfteenes and tenthes, in as large maner and fourme, as any Collector or Collectors of any fyfteene and tenth, haue had at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the time beyng, shall and may from tyme to tyme award such procelle for the speedy payment of the said seuerall fyfteenes & tenthes, against the Collector or Collectors of the same, as by theyr discretions shalbe thought conuenient.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour or keeper of the greates seale for the time being, knightes of the Wyre, Citizens of the cities, Burgesles of Borowghes, townes and other places, hauing authoritie by this present acte to nomynate the sayde collectors, of or for the collection of the saide seuerall fyfteenes and tenthes, shall vnder their nomynation and election had and made, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bounde to the Queenes Maiesty in the double summe of the summe of their collection, & to be indoxed vpon such condition, that if the same Collector and Collectors of the sayde first fyfteene and Tenth, and likewise the Collector or Collectors of the sayde second fyfteene and Tenth, doe truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie in her receipt of Exchequer for the sayde first fyfteene and Tenth, at or befoze the saide fourth day of Iune next coming, and for the saide seconde fyfteene and Tenth, at or befoze the saide tenth day of May, which shall bee in the peere of our Lorde God, one thousande, five hundred, fourscore and two, so much of the said summe of money allotted & appointed to his collection, as the same Collector shall haue collected and gathered, and do likewise after the said fourth day of the said moneth of Iune, & the said x. day of May, in euery of the said two peeres, content & pay to & Queenes Maiesties vse at the same receipt of the Exchequer, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such time as hee shall haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayde recognizance

recognizance or obligation to be buyde, or els to stande in his full strength and power, which recognizance or obligation so take, the same knights of the Wyre, citizens & burgesles and euery of them, takyng any such recognizance or obligation, shall certify and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer, & Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same fourth day of June, and x. day of May, in euery of the sayd two peeres, vpon payne of forfeiture of ten poundes to the Queenes hyghnesse for euery recognizance or obligatiō, so to be taken & not certified. And that euery such collector vpon request to hym made, shall make & knowlege the same recognizance or obligatiō accordyngly, vpon payne of forfeiture of xx. poundes to the Queene for his refusall therof. And that the Treasurer & Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, vpon the payment of the same collection at the said dates, shall cancell and deliuer the said recognizance or obligation to the said Collector or Collectors without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be paid to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great & waightie considerations aforesaid, We the lordes spirituall & temporell, and the commōs in this present Parliament assembled, doe by our like assent & authoritie of this Parliament, giue & graunt to your highnesse our said soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, your heires and successours, one entyre subsidie to be rated, taxed, leuied & paid at two seuerall payments of euery person spirituall and temporell, of what estate or degree he or they be of, accordyng to the tenor of this act, in maner and forme following, that is to say, aswell of euery person bozn within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of al and euery fraternitie, guild, corporation, mystery, brotherhood and comunaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this Realme of England, Wales or other the Queenes Dominions, being worth thre poundes, for euery pound aswell in coine, & the value of euery pound, & euery such persō, fraternitie, guild, corporation, mystery, brotherhood, comunaltie corporate or not corporate hath of his or their own, or any other to his or their vse, as al so plate, stock of merchādize, al maner of corn & graine, household stuff, & of all other goods moueable, aswel within this realme as without, & of al such sumes of money, as to him or the is or shalbe owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience surely to be paid, except and out of the premisses deducted, such sumes of money as he or they owe, & in his or their conscience intendeth truly to pay, & except also the apparrel of euery such persons

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persons their wiues & children, belonging to their own bodies, lauing iewels, gold, siluer, stone and pearle, shall pay to and for the first paiement of the said subsidy, *xx.* pence of euery pound, & to and for the second paiement of the said subsidie, twelue pence of euery pound. And also euerie Alien & stranger bozn out of the Queenes obeisance, aswel Denizen as others inhabiting within this realme, of euery pound that he or they shal haue in coine, and the value of euery pound in plate, coine, graine, inethandise, household stuffe or other goods, iewels, cattels, moueable or vnmoueable as is aforesaid, aswell within this realme as without, & of all summes of money to him or the owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience to be paid, except & out of the same premisses deducted, euery such summe or summes of money which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intend truely to pay, shall pay of and for euerie pound, to and for the first paiement of the said subsidy, three shillings foure pence, and to and for the second paiement of the said subsidie, two shillings of euery pound. And also that euery Alien and stranger bozne out of the Queenes Dominions, being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributory to any the rates abovesaid, and being of the age of vii. yeeres or aboue, shall pay to and for the first paiement of the said subsidie, *liii.* d. and to and for the second paiement of the said subsidie, foure pence for euery pole, and the master or he or she with whom the same Alien is, or shalbe abiding at the time of the taxation or taxacions thereof, to be charged with the same for lacke of paiement thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that euery person bozn vnder the Queenes obeisance, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mystery, brotherhood and communalitie corporate or not corporate, for euery pound, & euery of & same persons, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guild, mystery, brotherhood and communalitie, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardship, or by copie of court roll, of and in any honours, castles, manors, lands, tenements, rentes, seruices, hereditaments, annuities, fees, corrodies or other yeerely profit, of the yeerely value of *xx.* s. aswell within ancient demeane & other places priuiledged, as els where, & so bpward, shall pay to & for the first paiement of the said subsidie, *ii.* s. *viii.* d. of and for euery pound. And to & for the second paiement of the said subsidie, *xvi.* d. of and for euery pound, and euery alien Denizen or not Denizen bozne out of the Queenes obeisance, in such case to pay at the first of the said paymentes, *v.* s. *liii.* d. of euery pound, and at the second payment, *ii.* s. *viii.* d. of

and for every pounde. And that al summes presented & chargeable by this Acte, eyther for goods and debtes, or either of the, or for landes and tenements, and other the premises, as is in this Act conteyned, shal be at either of the sayd paymentes, set and taxed after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Acte (Landes and tenementes chargeable to the dismes of the Cleargie, and peerelely wages due to seruants for theyr peerelely seruice, other then the Queenes seruants taking peerelely wages of five poundes or above, onely excepted and forepysed) And that al plate, coperne, iewelles, goods, debtes and cattels, personals, being in the rule and custody of any person or persons to the vse of any corporation, fraternity, guilde, mystery, brotherhood or any comunaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be, and shalbe rated, set & charged by reason of this Act, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, of euery pound in goods and debtes as is abovesaid. And of euery pound in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corrodies and other peerelely profites as is abovesaide. And the summes that are aboue rehearsed, set and taxed, to bee leuyed & taken of them that shal haue such goods in custodie, or otherwise charged for landes, as is before rehearsed, and the same person or persons, and body corporate, by authority of this act, shal be discharged against him or them, that shal or ought to haue the same, at the time of the payment, or deliuey thereof, or at his otherwise departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except and alwayes forepysed from the charge and assessment of this Subsidy, all goods, cattels, iewels and ornaments of Churches and chappels, which haue bene ordeyned and bled in Churches or chappels, for the honour and seruice of Almighty God. And the fyrt payment of the said Subsidy shalbe by authority aforesayd, taxed, selled & rated, according to this Acte, in euery Wyre, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Borough, Towne and euery other place, within this realme of England & Wales & other the Queenes dominions, before the xii. day of May next coming. And the secod payment of the said Subsidy shalbe by the authority aforesaid, taxed, assessed & rated, before the xx. day of September. which shal be in þ yere of our Lord God, one thousand, five hundred, fourescore & two. And the particuler summes of euery Wyre, Ryding, Borough, towne & other places aforesaid, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable, for & to the fyrt payment of the sayd Subsidie to be taxed and set by the commissioners, for þ same limited, or two of the at the least, with the names of the bygh Collectors, and in the same fourme shalbe certified vnto the Queenes

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Queenes Exchequer, before the twelfth day of June next coming, And the particular summes of every Wyre, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforesayd, with the particular names of such as are chargeable, for, and to the second payment of the sayde Subsidie, to be taxed and set by Commissioners to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectors: And in the same fourme shalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the twentieth day of October, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand, five hundred, fourescore and two. And the saide summes in fourme aforesayd to be taxed, to and for the first paymēt of the said subsidie, shalbe paide into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesayd, to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady, before the tenth day of October next coming. And the sayd summes in maner and fourme aforesaid, to be taxed for the second payment of the sayd Subsidie, shall bee payde into the receipt aforesayd, to the vse aforesayd, before the twentieth day of Nouember, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousand, fyue hundred, fourescore and two. And the summes abouesayd, of and for the sayd subsidy, shall be taxed, set, asked & demaunded, taken, gathered, leuied & paide, to the vse of our said Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successors, in fourme abouesaid, aswell within the liberties, franchises, Sanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatsoeuer places, exempt or not exempt, as without: Except such Wyres, places & persons, as shalbe forrepyssed in & by this present acte, Any graunt, charter, prescription, vse or liberty, by reason of any letters patents, or other priuiledge, prescription, allowance of any same, or whatsoeuer other matter of discharge heretofore to any contrary made, graunted, vled or obtained, notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, aswell such as be born vnder the Queenes obeisance, as euery other person, straunger born, Denizen or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the time of the said assellings or taxatios, or of either of the, to be had or made, shalbe out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue goods, cattels, lands or tenements, fees or annuities, or other profits, within this realme or in wales, shalbe charged & chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitants of the place, where suche goods, Cattels, Lands, Tenements or other the Premises then shall bee, or in suche other place, where such person or his factor, Deputie or Attourney, shal haue his most resort vnto, within this realme or in wales;

in like maner, as if the saide person were or had beene at the time of the saide assessing, within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subsidie graunted by this Act, according and after the rate of suche yeerely substance, or value of Lands and Tenements, Goods, Cattels, and other the premises, as euery person so to bee charged, shalbe set at, at the time of the sayde assessing or taxation, vpon hym to be made, and none otherwise.

And further, be it enacted by the authorite aforesaide that for the selling and ordering of the saide Subsidie to bee duely had: The Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the Lorde Keeper of the great seale, the Lorde Treasurer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties household, the Lorde Admirall of England, the Lord Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honourable household for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great seale for the time being to be one; shal and may name, and appoint of, and for euery Shyre, Riding and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, And also of and for euery City and Towne, being a Countie of it selfe, and of, and for the Isle of Wight, such certeine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, & euery other place, as they shal think conuenient, to be Commissioners of and within the same place, whereof they be inhabitants. And also of and for the honourable household of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shyre or other place, the saide household shal happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauncellour, or Lord Keeper of the great Seale, and other with hym before named, or two of them as is aforesaide, in like maner may name and appoint, of euery other such Borough and Towne corporate, as well in Englande, as in Wales, & other the Queenes Dominions, as they shal thinke requisite, sixe, five, foure, thre, or two of the head officers, and other honest Inhabitantes of euery of the saide Cities, Boroughes and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same. The which persons, if any such be thereunto named, of the saide Inhabitantes of the saide Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Countiees of theselues, shal be toynded and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shyres and Rydyngs, as the saide Boroughes & Townes corporate, not being Countiees in themselves

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themselves, be set, and haue their being, which persons so named, for and of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Countie, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them, to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premises, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, wherein they bee so named only, nor to execute the said Commission, within the Borough or Towne corporate where they bee so dwelling, but at such dayes and times, as the sayd other Commissioners for the same Wyre & Ryding, shall therunto limit and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being Countie corporate, whereof they bee so named, and not out of suche Borough or Towne. And in that maner to bee aiding and assisting with the saide other Commissioners, in and for the good executing of the effect of the sayd Commission, vpon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery such Citie, Borough and Towne corporate, not being a county, to make suche fine, as the sayd other Commissioners in the commission, of and for the same Wyre, or Ryding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by theiꝝ discretion set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to bee leuied to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, in lyke maner, as if such or lyke summes had been set and rated, vpon euery such person for the sayd subsidy: The which Commissioners so named, of and for the sayde Cities, Boroughes and Townes not being Counties, and only put into the sayd Commission, by reason of theiꝝ dwelling in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewards of the Commissioners & theiꝝ clarkes, in this Act afterwarde specified and allowed. And the Lorde Chauncellour of England, or the keeper of the great Seale of Englande for the tyme being, shall make and direct out of the court of the Chauncery vnder the great Seale, seuerall commissions, that is to say, for euery Wyre, Ryding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle and householde, vnto such person and persons, as by his discretion, and any of the other with hym before named and appointed as is before rehearsed, shall bee thought sufficient for the selling and leuying of the sayd Subsidie, in all Wyres and places accordyng to the true meanyng of this Act: Which Commission for the first payment of the sayde Subsidie, shall bee directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the sixteenth daye of Aprill next commyng. And

And the Commission for the seconde Payment of the sayde Subsidie shall bee directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of the, before the xxvi. day of July, which shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, one thousande, five hundred, fourescore and two. And to every of the said Commissioners, ten credules conteynyng in them the tenor of this Act, shall be affixed, By the which Commission, the Commissioners, in every such Commission, named accordyng to this Act, and as many of them as shall be appoynted by the sayde Commission, shall haue full power and authorizy, to put the effect of the same Commission in execution.

And that by authorizy of this Acte, after such Commissions to them directed, They may by theyr assentes and agreementes, seuer them selues, for the execution of theyr Commission, in hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes and other places withyn the lymittes of theyr sayde Commission, in such fourme as to them shall seeme expedient, to be ordered, and betweene them to be communed and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the Commission to them therein directed, vpon which seuerance, every person of this present Parliament, that shall be Commissioner, shall be assigned into the hundred where he dwelleth.

Provided alwayes, that no person bee, or shall bee compelled, to bee any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not bee compelled, to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And it is also enacted by the authorizy of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and every of them, which shall bee named, limited and appoynted accordyng to this Act, to be Commissioners in every such Shyre, Ridyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said householde, or any other place, and none other, shall truly, effectually and diligently for theyr partes execute the effect of this present Act, accordyng to the tenor thereof in every behalfe, and none otherwise, by any other meanes, without omission, favour, dread, malice or any other thing, to be attempted or done by them, or any of them, to the contrary thereof.

And the sayde Commissioners or as many of them as shall bee appointed by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and Act, shall for the

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the taxation of the saide first payment of the saide Subsidie, before the sixe and twentieth day of April next coming, and for the taxation of the saide seconde payment of the saide Subsidie, shall before the eight and twentieth day of August, which shall bee in the peere of our Loyde GOD, one thousand, five hundred fourescore and two, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesaide, direct their severall or ioynt precept or precepts, vnto eight, seuen, sixe, five, foure, three or two, as for the number of the inhabitantes shall bee requisite, of the most substanti- all, discrete and honest persons, inhabitantes, to bee named by the saide Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shall be appointed by the said Commission, of and in hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, parishes, Townes and other places, aswel within Liberties, Franchises, auncient demeane, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the li- mits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Borowghes, and Ile aforesaid, and other places within the limittes of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylifes, and other like of- ficers and ministers of euery of the said Hundreds, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes and other places aforesaide, as to the saide Commissioners, and euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them, by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the ma- ner and vse of those parties shall bee requisite, straitely by the said precept charging and commaunding the said inhabitantes, constables and other officers aforesaid, to whom such precept shall bee so directed, to appeare in their proper persons, before the said Commissioners, or such number of them, as they shall diuide themselues, according to the tenor of the said Commis- sion, at certaine daies and places by the saide Commissioners or any number of them, as is aforesaid, within Cities, Bo- rowghes or Townes Corporate, or without, in any other places, as is aforesaid, by their discretion shall bee limited therevnto, to doe and accomplishe all that to them, on the partie of the Queenes Maestie shall bee intyoned, touching this Acte, commaunding further by the same precept, that he to whose handes suche preceptes shall come, shall shewe and deliuer the same to the other inhabitantes or officers named in the same precept. And that none of them faile to accomplishe the same vpon paine of foztfe pillages to bee fozfetted to

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And it is further ordeined by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that at the said day and place prefixed and permitted in the said precept, every of the Commissioners the being in the Shire, and having no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limited, shall appeare in his proper person. And there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall bee appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall call or cause to be called before them, the said inhabitants and officers, to whom they have directed their said precepts, and which had in commaundement there to appeare, by vertue of the said precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnlesse hee then bee letted by sicknesse or lawefull excuse, and that let then bee witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or if any appearing, refuse to serue in forme following, then every such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings, and so at every time appointed by the saide Commissioners, for the same taxation, vnto such time, the number of every such persons haue appeared and certified in forme vnderwritten: every of them so making defaulte or refusing so to serue, shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie shillings. And vpon the same appearance had, they shall bee charged before the Commissioners, by all conuenient wayes and meanes (other then by corporall othe) to enquire of the best and moste value of the substance of euery person, dwelling and abiding within the limites of the places, that they shall bee charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of the saide places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this Acte of this saide Subsidie, and of all other thinges requisite touching the said Acte, and according to the intent of the same. And thereupon as neere as it may bee, or shall come to theyr knowledge, without respect of any former taxation heretofore had, truly to present and certifie before the saide Commissioners, the names and surnames, and the best and uttermost substance and values of every of them, aswell of Lands, Tenements and other hereditaments, possessions & profits, as of goods, cattels, debts and other thinges chargeable by this same Acte, without any concealment, loue, fauour, affection, dread or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of five poundes or more, to be taxed, extracted and

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and leuied, in forme as heereafter in this present Acte shall bee limited or appoynted. And thereupon the said Commissioners shall openly there reade, or cause to bee read vnto them, the sayd Rates in this Acte mentioned, and openly declare þe effect of their charge vnto the, in what maner & forme, they ought and shoulde make their certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof abouesaide, and of all maner of persons, aswell of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens, inhabityng within this Realme, as of such persons as bee bozne vnder the Queenes obeyssance chargeable to this Acte, and of the Possessions, Goods and Cattels of fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherhoods, Mysteries, Communalties, and other as is abouesaide, and of persons being in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauing Goods and Cattels, Landes or Tenementes within this Realme as is aforesaide, and of all goods being in the custodie of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is abouesaide: By the which information and shewyng, the saide persons shoulde haue such plaine knowledge of the true intent of this present Acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance. And after such charge, and the Statute of the saide Subsidie, and the maner of the sayde certificate to bee made in wytyng, containing the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be bozne without the Queenes obeyssance or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswell of the yerely value of Landes and Tenementes and of such like possessions and profites, as the value of goods and Cattels, Debtes, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessarie to them declared, the saide Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoint and limit vnto the saide persons, another day and place to appeare before the said Commissioners: And charging the saide persons, that they in the meane time shall make diligent enquiry by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there euery of them vpon paine of forfeiture of forthe wyllynges to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the saide newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the said Commissioners in wytyng, accordyng to their saide charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the saide graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in maner aforesaide hath bene declared and shewed by the Commissioners: At which day and place

place so to them prefixed if any of the said persons make default, or appeare and refuse to make the saide certificate, that then every of them so offending, to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fortie Shyllynges, except there be a reasonable excuse of his defaulte by reason of sicknesse, or otherwise by the othes of two credible persons there witnesssed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesaide, the saide Commissioners there being, shall take and receiue the same certificate, and every partie thereof, and the names, values and substance of euery person so certified. And if the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the said presenters thereof, and thereupon the saide Commissioners at the saide dayes and place by their agreement amongst themselves, shal from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places within the limits of their Commission, by their discretiō, for their further proceeding to the said asselling of the same subsidie, and thereupon at the said day of the said certificate as is aforesaid, take, & same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes or other officers of such hundreds, Wapentakes, Townes or other places aforesaid, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprising & cōteining in & same precept, the names & surnames of all persons presented before the in the said certificat. of whom if the said Commissioners, or as many of the as shalbe therunto appointed by the Queenes Commission shall then haue beheimēt suspect, to be of more greater value or substance in landis, goods, cattels or summes of money owing to them, or other substance beforesaid, then upon such persō or persons so certified & specified as aforesaid, & same Commissioners shall make their precept or preceptes directed to the Constable, Bailiffes or other officers, commaunding the same Constable, Bailiffs or other officers to whō such precepts shalbe directed, to warne such persons whose names shalbe comprised in & said precepts, at their māsiōs, or to their persōs, that the same persōs named in such precepts, & euery of the, shal personally appeare before & said cōmissioners, at & same new prefixed day & place, there to be examined by all waies & means, (other the by corporall oth) by the said Commissioners, of their greatest substance & best value, & of all & euery sumes of money owing to the & other whatsoeuer matter cōcerning & premises, or any of the, according to this Act. At which day and place so prefixed, the said cōmissioners then & there being, or as many of the, as shalbe therunto appointed by the Queenes cōmissiō, shall

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shall cause to bee called the sayde persons whose names shall be comprised in the sayde precept, as is aforesaide for the examination. And if any of those persons, which shall be warned as is aforesaid, to be examined, which at any time after h warning & before the prefixed day shall be within such place, where hee may haue knowledge of his sayd appearance to be made, make default & appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the sayde Commissioners, be truly alleadged for his discharge, that then euery of them so making default, to bee taxed and charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with & at the double sumes of the rate that hee should or ought to haue been set at, for and after the best value of his landes or substance vpon hym certified, if hee had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there beyng, which Commissioners, shall trauell with euery of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shall be expressed in the saide precept or precepts, and in whom any vehement suspect was or shall be had in foure abouesaid, by all such wayes and meanes as they can (other then by compoall othe) for the better knowledge of theyr best value, either in hereditaments or possessions, eyther els in goods or debts. And that euery spirituall person at eyther of the sayd taxations of the said Subsidie, shall be rated and set, according to the rate abouesaid, of and for euery pounce that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his vse, hath by descent, bargaine or purchase in fee simple, fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, by wardship, or by copie of court rol, in any manors, lads, teneiments, rents, seruices, offices, fees, copyholdes, annuities or hereditaments, after the true, iust & peerele value therof, and according as other the Queenes Maiesties subiects boyn within this realme, bee charged in forme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the peerele value of twentie shyllings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the sayde Taxours or Assessours, shall not duely behaue themselves, in theyr inquiry, taxation, assessement or certifficate, but shall affectionately, corruptly or partially demean themselves in that behalfe, in such wise that the Commissioners shall by theyr consideration, deeme them offenders worthy of punishment for not doyng theyr duties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that county for this Subsidie, shall haue power and authority by theyr discretion, eyther to charge the sayde Assessours vpon theyr corpoall othes, for the better seruice aforesayde in that behalfe, or els by their discretions, to take and set vpon euery

of the saide assessours for their misdemeanours, in that behalf, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten pounds, and the same fine or paine at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer, every which fine so taxed and set, by foure of the said Commissioners or more, and being estreated with the scedule and booke of that limit, shall be leuied and answered to the Queenes vse in like manner and forme to all intentes and purposes, as any other summes that shall bee taxed and become due by vertue of this statute and Acte of subsidie, and not in any other wise or manner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Acte, whether hee bee Commissioner or other, to any manner of value, doeth finde himselfe greued with the same presentment, selling or taxing, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners before whom hee shall bee called, sessed or taxed, or before twoo of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Courte of Exchequer, that then the said Commissioners or twoo of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examin particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, vpon his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of every his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of every his goods, cattels and debts aboue mentioned. And after due examinatio & perfect knowledge thereof had & perceived by the said commissioners, or twoo of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesaid, the said Commissioners or twoo of the to whom any such complaint shall be made, by their discretion, vpon the othe of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increase or enlarge the same assessments, according as if shall appeare vnto them iust vpon the same examinatio, & the same summe so abated, defalked, increased or enlarged, shall bee by them estreated in forme as heereafter insueth. And if it be proued by witnesses or by the parties owne confessio, or other lawefull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any such othe made, that the same person so taxed & sworn, was of any better or greater value in landes, goods or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his saide othe, then the same person so sworn did declare vpon his saide othe, that then every such person so offending, shall loose and forfeite to the Queenes Maestie, so much lawfull money of England, as hee the same person so sworn was set at, or taxed to pay. And also it is enacted by the same authoritie, that every person

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person to be rated at the saide taxation as is aforesaid, shalbe rated, taxed and set, and the same on him set, to be leuied at such place, where he and his familie at the time of the same presentment to be made, shall keepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shalbe most conuersant, abiding or resiaunt, or shal haue his most resort at þe time of the saide certificate to be made, and no where els. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie shalbe rated or taxed for his goods or landes, but in the shire or other place where hee shall bee Commissioner. And that if any person chargeable to this Act, at the time of the same assessment, happen to be out of this Realme, or out of Wales, or farre from the place where hee shall bee knownen: then he to bee set, where he was last abiding in this Realme or within Wales; and after the substance, value, and other profitēs of euery person, to be knownen by the examination, certificate or other manner of wise as is aforesaid. And that the saide Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed by the Quenes Maiesties Commission or Commissions, shal after the rate & rates aforesaid, cause euery person so to be set, rated and taxed, according to the rate of the substance and value of his lands, goods, cattels, and other profitēs chargeable by this acte, whereby the greatest & most best summe or summes according to his whole substance, by reason of this Acte, might or may bee set or taxed.

And that euery persō taxed in any countie or place other then where he is most resiaunt, or hath his familie in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commissioner for this Subsidie, if he be a Commissioner, vpon certificate made to the said court of Exchequer, vnder the handes and seales of two Commissioners for this Subsidie, in the same Countie or place where such person is most resiaunt or hath his familie, or where he is a Commissioner for the taxation and payment of this Subsidie, testifying such his most resiauntie, hauing of familie, or being a Commissioner, shall bee a sufficient discharge for the taxation of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money vpon such persons so set and taxed, saue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which such certificate shall bee made as is aforesayde, and for the summe of money vpon such person there assessed or taxed. And that such certificate without any Plea or other circumstance, shall bee a sufficient warrant aswell to the Barons and Auditor and Auditors of the said Court of Exchequer, as

to all and euery other officers, to whom the allowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance only five pence and no more.

Provided alwayes, that euery such person which shall be rated or taxed according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to this Subsidie, for & after the verely value of his lands, tenements and other reall possessions or profitcs, at any of the saide taxations, shall not after be set and taxed for his goods and cattels or other moueable substance at the same taxation, and that hee that shall be set, charged or taxed, for the same Subsidy for his goods, cattels, and other moueables at any of the sayd taxations, according to the true meaning of this act, shall not after be charged, rated or chargeable, for his landes or other reall possessions and profitcs abovesayd, at the same taxations or any of them, nor that any person by any taxation bee double charged for the sayde Subsidie, nor set or taxed at severall places by reason of this Acte: But if any person happen to bee double set, taxed or charged, either in one place or at severall places: then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other, according to the meaning & intent of this Acte, any thing contained in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeyned and enacted by the saide authoritie of this present Parliamēt, that no persō having two mansions or two places to resort vnto, or calling himself household seruāt, or waiting seruāt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lord or Lady, Maister or Maistres, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayde Subsidy, in neither of the places where hee may bee set or taxed, vnlesse hee byng a certificate in wrytyng from the Commissioners where that he is so set or taxed in dede at one place. And if any person that ought to bee set & taxed to this present Subsidy, by reason of his removing or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that hee els where was taxed, or by reason of any Priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being foreprieued in this Act, or otherwise by his coin or craft, or by any words or sayings or otherwise: or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessor or others happen to escape from the sayde taxations for the payment of this Subsidy, or any of the, and be not set and taxed, according to the true intent of this Acte, and that proued by presentment, examination, information, or otherwise before the said Commissioners or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or two iustices of y peace,

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of the Countie where such person dwelleth: Then every such person that by such meanes or otherwise willingly by couin or without iust cause, shall happen to escape from the said taxations or payments aforesaid, or any of them, and shall not be rated, taxed and set, shall bee charged vpon the knowledge and prooffe thereof, with, and at the double value of so much as he shoulde, might or ought to haue beene set and taxed at by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value, to bee leuied, gathered and paid, of his goods and Cattels, Landes and Tenements, towardes the said Subsidie, and further to bee punished according to the discretions of the Barons, Iustices and Commissioners, befoze whom hee shall be convicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the said Commissioners in every Commission, shall according to their diuisions, and after they bee diuided, haue full power and authoritie by this Acte, to set, taxe and selle every other Commissioner ioyned with them in every such commission and diuision: And shall also assele every Assessor within their diuision, for his or theyr Goods, Landes and other the premisses as is abovesaid: By the which said Commission, the said Commissioners shall indifferently set, taxe and assele themselves and the said Assessors, and that adwell the summes vpon euery of the saide Commissioners and Assessors so selled, rated and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the Presenters, as is abovesaid, shall be written, certified, set & estreated, & the estreats therof to be made with other the inhabitants of that parties, within the limits of the same Commission & diuision, so to be gathered & leuied, in like maner as it ought or shoulde haue been, if the said Commissioners had not byn in the said commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and every estate aboue, shall be charged with their freehold and value as is abovesaid by the Chauncellour or Loyde keeper of the great Seale of England, the high Treasurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other such persons as by the Queenes Maiesties authoritie or comendement shall be named & appointed, & they to be charged for the said seuerall paymets of the said Subsidie, after the forme of the said graunt according to the taxation aforesaid. And the summes of & vpon them to be set & taxed, with the names of the collectors appointed for the gathering & paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered & certified at daies & places aboue specified, by the lord Chauncelloz or keeper of the great seale, & lord Treasurer or one of the, together with

with other such persons as thereunto shalbe named, as is aforesaide.

And bee it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that after the taxes & assesses of the saide summes vpon and by the said assessing and certificat as is aforesaid made, the said Commissioners or as many of them as shall be thereunto appointed, and haue authoritie by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the said taxe thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuel of the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appointed at the least. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Baylifes and other officers jointly of Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places aforesaid within their limittes, and to other sufficient persons inhabitants of the same, only by the discretion of the said Commissioners, with the assent of the high Collector, and as the place and parties shall require, as well the particuler names and surnames, as the remembrance of all the summes of money taxed and set, of and vpon every person aswel man as woman chargeable to this Act, householders and all other inhabitants and dwellers within the saide parishes, Townes & places contributozie to this Act of Subsidie. By authoritie of which writing and estreate so deliuered, the said officers and other persons so named and deputed, severally shall haue full power and authoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediately after the deliuerie of the said writing or estreate, to demaund, leue and gather of every person therein specified, the summe & summes, in the same writing or estreate comprised: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the same person or persons so being behind by their goods and cattels, and the distresse so taken to keepe by the space of eight dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And if the said owner doe not pay such summe of money as shall be taxed by authoritie of this Acte within the same viii. daies, then the same distresse to be appraised by foure, three or two of the inhabitants where such distresse is taken, and also then to be solde, by the Constable or other Collectors for the paiment of the saide money, and the ouerplus conuning of the sale and keeping thereof (if any bee) to bee immediately restored to the owner of the same distresse, which said officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather & leue the said summes, shall answer and be charged for the portion only to them assigned

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signed and limited to be gathered, leuied and comprised in the saide writing or estreate so to them as is aforesaide deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, & her heires & successors, and the said summe in that writing or estreate comprised, to pay vnto the high Collectoz or Collectozs of þ place, for the collection of the same in maner and forme vnderwritte, therevnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitantes and officers so gathering the same particuler summes, for their collection therof, shal reteine for every twenty shillings so by them receiued and paid, two pence. And that to bee allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made, to the high Collectoz or Collectozs.

And further be it enacted by the said authoritie, that the said Commissioners or the moze parte of them, as shal take vpon them the execution and businesse of the said Commission, shal for every of the said payments of the saide Subsidie, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shal haue and possesse Landes and other hereditamentes in their owne right, of the cleere yerely value of ten pounds, or goods to the value of foure hundred pounds at the least, as he shalbe taxed in the Subsidy booke, if any such be in the saide limittes, & for want of such so assessed, then those to be appointed Collectozs that then shalbe sufficient, and rated and taxed in the subsidie booke in Landes or goods neerest to the values aforesaid, as by their discretions shal be thought good, in Shyres, Ridynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswel within places priuiledged as without, not being foreprised within this Acte to bee high Collectozs, and to haue the collection and receipt of the saide summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limittes and boundes, where they shal bee so limited and appointed to bee high Collectozs. And to every of the said collectozs so seuerally named, the said Commissioners or two of them at the least, with all speede and without delay after the said whole summe of any payment of the saide Subsidie, be set by all the limittes of the same their commission, or in such limittes as the high collectozs shal bee so seuerally assigned: shal vnder their seales and signe manuell deliuer one estreate indented in Parchment, comprising in it the names of al such persons as were assigned to leuie the said particuler summes and the summes of every Hundred, Wapentake, towne and other place aforesaid, with the names and surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreate so first thereof made and deliuered as is aforesaide. And

And ¶ Collectors so to be assigned, shall be charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the said estreate limited to his collection as is aforesaid.

Provided alwayes and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the said Commissioners, having authoritie by this Act, to name and nominate the saide high Collectors of the said Subsidie, shall immediately vpon the nomination and election, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to be paid therfore, of every person so by the to be named, to be high Collector, to be bound to the Queenes Maestie in the double summe of the summe of his collection, & to bee indorsed & made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the saide first payment of the said Subsidie: That if the said Collector, his heires or executors doe truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maestie, her heires or successors, in the receipt of the said Exchequer, at or before the saide tenth day of October next ensuing, so much of the saide summe of money allotted & appointed to his collection, as he shall collect & gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time, as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the said recognizances or obligations to be void, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the seconde payment of the said Subsidie, vpon condition that if the saide Collector, his heires or Executors doe truly content and pay to the vse of ¶ Queenes Maestie, her heires or successors, in her receipt of ¶ Exchequer, at or before ¶ said twentieth day of Nouember, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, one thousand five hundred fourescore and two, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the said recognizance or obligation to be void, or els to stand in full strength & vertue, which said seuerall recognizances or obligations so taken, the said Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the said taxations and rates of the payments of the said Subsidie, at and by the time to them prescribed and appointed by this Act, for the certificate of the said seuerall taxations of the saide Subsidie, vpon payne of forfeiture of

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ten poundes to the Queenes Maiestie for euery recognizance or obligation not certified. And that euery such Collector so elected, named and chosen vpon request to him made, shall knowledg and make the saide recognizance or obligation vpon paine & forfeiture of twenty pound to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusall thereof. And euery Collector so deputed, hauing the said estreate in parchinent as is aforesaid, shall haue authoritie by this Acte to appoint daies and places within the circuit of his collection, for the payment of the said Subsidy, to him to be made, and thereof to giue warning by Proclamacion, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons, or inhabitants hauing the charge of the particuler collection within the Hundreds, Parishes, Townes or other places by him or them limited, to make payment for the said particuler collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertaine. And if at the same day and place so limited and prefixed by the said high Collector, the said constable, officers or other persons, or inhabitants as is aforesaid, for the said particuler collection assigned & appointed within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, doe not pay vnto the said high collectors the summe within their seuerall Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places due, and comprised in the saide estreate thereof to them deliuered by the said Commissioners or some of them as is aforesaid, or so much thereof as they haue by any meanes receiued (two pence of euery pound for the saide particuler collection as is aforesaid, alwaies thereof to be allowed, excepted and abated) that then it shall be lawful to the said high collectors and euery of the, and to their assignes, to distreine euerie of the said constables, officers and other inhabitants, for their said seueral & particuler collection of the said summes comprised in the said estreate, and writing therof, to them and euery of them as is before expressed, deliuered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuiued and behind and vnpaid, by the goods and cattels of euery of them so being behind, and the distresse so taken to be kept, appraised and sold as is aforesaid, and therof to take and leue the summes so then being behind and vnpaid. And the ouerplus coming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person or persons shall be nominated or appointed to be a high Collector or Collectors for the second payment of

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any fifteenth, Tenth or Subsidie graunted by this Acte, which before that time hath been a Collectoꝝ or collectoꝝs foꝝ the first payment of any part of the same fifteenth, Tenth or Subsidie, vnlesse such person or persons so to be nominated & appointed high Collectoꝝ or Collectoꝝs foꝝ the said second payment, doe first shew forth before him or them by whom he shalbe so nominated and appointed his (quietus est) foꝝ the discharge of his collection before appointed to his charge, vpon paine of one hundred pounds to be paid and forfeited by him or them that so shall nominate and appoint any such Collectoꝝ contrary to this present Acte.

Provided alwaies, that no person inhabiting in any Citie, Borough or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be any assessor, or Collectoꝝ of or foꝝ any part of the said Subsidie in any place or places out of the said Citie, Borough or Towne corporate where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the said authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officer, or whatsoever person or persons, charged to and foꝝ the collection and receipt of any part or portion of the said Subsidie, by any manner of meanes according to this Act, or any person or persons foꝝ themselves, or as keeper, gardian, Deputie, factor or attorney, of or foꝝ any other person or persons of any goods and cattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the said asselling to be paid, being out of this realm, or in any other partes not knownen, or of & foꝝ the goods and cattels of any other person or persons, of any Corporation, fraternitie, Mystery or other whatsoever Communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, and all persons having in their rule, gouernance and custodie, any Goods or cattelles at the time of the saide asselling, or any of them to be made, or which foꝝ any cause, foꝝ and by collection, or foꝝ himselfe, or foꝝ any other, or by reason that hee hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any goods or cattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communaltie, fraternitie, Gild or Mystery, or any such other like, or as factor, Deputie or Attorney, of or foꝝ any person, shall bee taxed, rated, valued and set, to any summe or summes by reason of this Acte: And after the taxation or asselling vpon any such person or persons as shall bee charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was so taxed and set, or his goods or cattels be so eloynd, or in such priue and couert maner kept, as the saide person or persons charged with the same, by estreats or other writinges from the said Commissioners, or as many of them as

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as shall be thereunto appointed by the said Commission as is
aforesaid, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes com-
prised within the same estreats, by distresse within the limits
of their collection as is aforesaid, or cannot sell such distresse or
distresses as be taken for any of the said payments, before the
time limited to the high Collector for his payment to be made
in þ Queenes Maiesties receipt, then vpon relation thereof,
with due examination by the oth or examination of such person
or persons as shall be charged with, a for the receipt & collecti-
on of þ same, before the said Commissioners, or as many of the as
by the said Commissio shalbe therunto appointed, where such
person or persons or other as is aforesaid, their goods and cat-
tels were set and taxed. And vpon plaine certificate thereof
made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by þ same com-
missioners, aswell of the dwelling place, names and summes
of the said persons of whom the said summes cannot be leuied
and had, as is aforesaid, then aswell the Constables and other
inhabitants appointed for the said particuler collectio against
the hygh Collectors, as the hygh Collector vpon his account
and othe in the said Exchequer to bee discharged thereof: And
proccesse to be made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the said
Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the saide Exche-
quer, against such person his heires or executors, so being be-
hynde with his payment. And ouer that, the same Commissi-
oners, to whom any such declaration of the premisses shall bee
made in tozme aforesaid, from time to time shall haue full po-
wer and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the
said persõ or persons charged with any summe of, for and vp-
on any such person and persons or other as is aforesaid, or to a-
ny Shyrliffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoever officer,
minister, person or persons of such place or places, where any
such person or persons so owing such summe or summes shall
haue Landes and Tenements or other hereditaments, or re-
all possessions, goods and cattels, whereby any such person or
persons so indebted, his heires executors or assignes, or other
hauing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goods,
cattels, Landes, or Tenements or other hereditaments, which
ought or may by this act lawfully be distreined or taken for the
same, hath and shall haue goods, cattels, lands, tenements or
other possessions, wherof such summe or summes, which by a-
ny such person or persons, may or ought to be leuied, be it with-
in the limittes of such Commission, where such person or per-
sons was or were taxed, or without in any place within this

Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Majesties Dominions, Marches or Territories, by which precept, aswell such person or persons shalbe charged to leuie such money as the officers of the place or places, where such distresse may bee taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distreine euery such person indebted, charged or chargeable by this Acte, or his executors or administrators of his goods and cattels, his Gardians, Factors, Deputies, Lessees, Farmers and Assignes, & all other persons by whose hands or out of whose lands any such person should haue ten. cent. annuallie or other profite, or which at the time of the said assessing, shall haue goods or cattels, or any other thing moueable of any such person or persons, being indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken, cause to be kept, appraised and solde in like maner and forme as is aforesaid, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be taxed to the said Subsidie, and being sufficient to distreine within the limittes of the collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the said summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distresse for non payment happen to bee taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so labourerth for the same, two pence. And euery farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatsoever person, being distreyned, or otherwise charged, for payment of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Act, shalbe of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquitted at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuerie of such goods and cattels as hee that is so distreyned, had in his custodie or gouernance, against him or them that shall bee so taxed and let, any graunt or writing obligatorie, or other whatsoever matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that shoulde bee so distreyned, haue no Landes or Tenementes sufficient, whereby he or his Tenants and Farmers may bee distreyned, or haue aliened, elopned or hid his goods and cattels, whereby hee shoulde or might be distreyned, in such maner that such goods and cattels shoulde not bee knownen or founde, so that the summe of or by hym to bee paid in the saide forme, shall ne can bee conueniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners,

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or to as many of them as by the said commission shalbe thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was taxed and let by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the levie and payment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such maner as is aforesaid, for to attache, take & arrest the body of such person or persons, that ought to pay the saide summes, and by this Act shall be charged with and for the said summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Wyze or other place where any such person or persons shalbe taken and attached, there to remaine without bayle or maine p^{er}se, untill hee hath paid the said summe or summes that such person for himselfe or for any other by this Acte, shalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withal, and also for the fees of every such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twentie pence: And that every officer unto whom such precept shalbe directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vpon every person so being indebted, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for every default in that behalfe, twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any gaole, fro his gaole suffer any such person to go at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue paid his said debt, & the said twentie pence for the said arrest, vpon paine to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie forty shillings: And the same gaoler to pay to the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate, which the saide person so imprisoned was taxed at, as of the said twentie pence for the fees: And like processe and remedie in like forme shall be graunted by the said Commissioners, or as many of them as by the saide Commission shalbee thereunto appointed, at like information of every person or persons beyng charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the said Subsidie, and not thereof payd, but wilfully withdrawen, nor the same leivable within the limittes where such persons were thereunto taxed. And if the summe or summes beyng behinde vnpaid by any person or persons as is aforesaide, bee leuted and gathered by force of the saide processe to be made by the said Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe or summes of money, by processe of the same Commissioners to be made as is aforesaid, be committed to prison in forme abovesaide, that then the said Commissioners, which shall atwarde such processe, shall

make certificate thereof in the saide Exchequer of that shall bee done in the premisses, in the terme next followyng after such summe or summes of money, so being behinde, shall bee leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same, committed to prison. And if it happen any of the saide Collectors to bee assigned, or any Maiors, Sherrifes, Stewards, Constables, the Headborough, Burtholder, Bayliffe, or any other officer or minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the saide Commissioners, or any of them in the reasonable request to them made by the said commissioners, for execution of the said commission, or if any of the officers or other persons doe refuse that to them shall apperteyne and belong to doe, by reason of any precept to him or them to bee directed, or any reasonable commaundement, instance or request touching the premisses, or other defaulte in any apparance or collection to make, or if any person being suspect not to bee indifferently taxed as is aforesaid, doe refuse to bee examined according to the tenor of this Acte before the said commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto assigned, as is aforesaid, or will not appeare before the same commissioners, vpon warning to him made, or els make resistance or rescous vpon any distresse vpon him to bee taken for any percell of the said Subsidie, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wise, contrary to this Acte, or commit any wilfull omission or other whatsoever wilful not doing or misdoing contrary to the tenor of this Act or graunt: The same Commissioners, & every number of them aboue remembred or two of them at the least, vpon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanours had, by information or examinatio, shall and may set vpon every such offender for every such offence in name of a fine, by the same offender to bee forfeited, for tie shillinges or vnder, by discretion of the same Commissioners: And further the same Commissioners and every number of them or two of them at the least, shall haue authoritie by this present act, to punish every such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the saide fines, if any such be, to be certified by the said Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties saide Exchequer, there to be leuied and paid by the collectors of that parties for the said subsidie, returned into the said Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the said Subsidie, in such maner as if the said fines had beene set and taxed vpon

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upon the said offenders for the said Subsidie.

And it is also enacted by the said authoritie of this present Parliament, that every of the said high Collectors, which shall accompt for any parte of the sayde Subsidie, in the saide Exchequer upon their severall accomptes to be peelden, shalbe allowed at every of the saide paymentes of the the saide Subsidie, for every pounce limited to his collection, wherof any such Collector shall bee charged and peelde account, sixe pence, as percell of their charge, that is to say, of every pound thereof for such person as then haue had the particuler collection of the Townes and other places as is aforesaid, specified, in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of every pounce thereof, every of the said chiefe Collectors or their accomptants to retaine, to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of every pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and paid, by the said Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shal take upon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: that is to say, Every Collector to pay that commissioner or commissioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for the said Subsidie, where the said collector or collectors had their collection, for the expences for the said Commissioners, so taking upon them the said businesse & labour of their clerkes writing the said precepts, and extracts of the said collections, the same last two pence of every pound to be diuided amongst the saide Commissioners hauing regard to their labour and businesse taken by them and their sayd Clerkes, in, and about the premisses, for which parte, so to the sayde Commissioners attening, the sayde Commissioners, sixe, seue, foure, three or two, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Maiesties commission, and every of them, jointly and severally, for his and their sayde parte, may haue his remedie against the sayde Collector or Collectors, which thereof beene or might haue beene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shall not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther iniunction or essoigne shall be allowed: And that no person now being of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any collector or subcollector or presentor of the saide Subsidie, or of any part thereof, nor no commissioners shall be compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then in & Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, of for or concerning the said subsidy, or any part or percel thereof. And likewise & no other person

person that shalbe named and assigned to bee Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Act of Subsidie, be or shall be assigned or named head Collectors of any of the payments of the said Subsidie, neither of any part thereof. And that every such person or persons which shall bee named and appointed as is aforesaid, to be head Collectors of and for the first payment of this Subsidie, shall not bee compelled to be Collector, for the second payment of the said Subsidie, nor for any part thereof. And the saide Collectors which shall be assigned for the collection of the said Subsidie, or for any parte thereof, and every of them, be and shalbe acquitted and discharged of all maner fees, Rewardes and of every other charges in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person receiue or take any fees, rewards or pleasures, of any such accountant, or vse any vnnecessary delay in their account, that then hee shall forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for every penny or value of every penny or penny worth so taken, five shillings, and five poundes to the partie greeued, for every such delay, & suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure. And after the taxing and assessing of the said Subsidie, (as is aforesaid) had or made, and the said extracts thereof in parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme before rehearsed, Delivered: the said Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limittes of their Commission, by their agreementes shall haue meeting together, at which meeting every of the saide Commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the said Commission, shall by him selfe or his sufficient deputie, truly certifie and bring forth vnto the said Commissioners named in the said Commission, the certificate and presentment made before him and such other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limit, so that the same certificate may be accounted and cast with the other certificates of the other limittes within the same commission, and then the saide commissioners and every number of the, vnto two at the least as is aforesaid, if any be in life, or their executors or administrators of their goods, if they then be dead, shall jointly and severally as they were divided within their limittes, vnder their seales, by their discretion make one or several writings indented, confeynyng in it, aswell the names of the saide collectors by the commissioners, for such collection and accounts in the

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the Exchequer, & payment in þ same receipt, deputed & assigned as the grosse & seuerall summes, writte vnto euery such collectors to receiue the said subsidy, & also al fines, amerciamēts, & other forfeitures, if any such by reaso of this act happen to be within the precinct and limit of their cōmission, to bee certified into the Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, by the said cōmissioners. In which writting or writtings indented so to bee certified, shall be plainly declared & expessed the whole and entier summe or summes of þ said subsidie, seuerally limited to the collectiō of the said collectors, seuerally deputed & assigned to the collectiō of the said summes. So that none of the said collectors so certified in the said Exchequer, shall bee compelled there to account or to bee charged, but onely to and for the summes limited to his collection, & not to or for any summe, limited to þ collectiō of his felowe: But euery of them shall be seuerally charged for their part limited to their collection. And if the said Commissioners toyne in one commission amongst themselves, in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same commissioners, that then the saide Commissioners may make seuerall Indentures in forme aforesaid of their seuerall limittes or separations of collectors within the limittes of their commission, vpon and in the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like diuisions, within their said seuerall limittes of their commission, as the places there shall require to be seuered and diuided, and as to the same commissioners shall seeme good, to make diuisions of their limittes or collections, for the seuerall charges of the same collectors, so that alway one collector shall be charged & accounte for his part to him to be limited only by himselfe, and not for any summe limited to þ part of any of his felowes: And the charges of euery of the collectors to be set and certified seuerally vpon them. And euery such collector vpon his account and payment of the summe of money limited within his collection, to bee seuerally by himselfe acquitted and discharged in the said Exchequer, without paying any maner fees or rewarde to any person or persons for the same, vpon paine and penaltie last abouesaid & not to be charged for any portion of any other collector. And if any cōmissioner after he hath take certificate of the þ as is aforesaid, shall be before any such Commissioners examined, & the summes rated & set, & the bookes & writtings thereof being in his hands, or if any collector or other perſon charged with any receipt of any part of þ said subsidie, or any other person taxed or otherwise by this Act charged with and for any percell

percell of the said Subsidie, or with any other summe, fine, amerciaiment, penaltie or other forfeiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collectors, or other whatsoeuer person or persons haue executed, accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged, that which to every such person shall appertaine or belong to doe according to this Act: Then the executors and heires of every such person, and all other lessee of any Landes and Tenements, that any such person being charged by this Act, and deceassing before hee bee discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely, had of estate of inheritance at the time that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector or otherwise charged, with or for any maner of thing to be doone, satisfied or payde by reason of this Act: And all those that haue in their possessions or hands, any goods, cattels, leases or other things that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any landes or tenements, that were the same persons at the time he was as is aforesaid, charged by this Act, shalbe by the same compelled, and charged to doe and accomplish in every case, as the same person so being charged, should haue doone, or might haue been compelled to doe, if he had been in plaine life, after such rate of the Landes and goods of the said Commissioner or Collector, as the partie shal haue in his hands. And if the said Commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shal thinke it not conuenient, to ioyne in one certificate as is aforesaid, then the said person or persons, that shal first ioyne together, or he that shal first certifie the said writing indented as is aforesaid, shal certifie all the names of the Commissioners of that Commission, whereupon such writing shal be there then to be certified, with diuision of the hundreds, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tithings and other places, to and among such Commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same commissioners, where such separations and diuisions shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, as well of and for the said Subsidie taxed or set, of or within the said hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or assigned, that shal so certifie the saide writing, as of the fines, amerciements, penalties and other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limittes, where of the same writings shalbe certified. And after such writings indented, which as is aforesaid shal bee certified, and not containe in it the whole and full summes, set and taxed within the limittes of the same commission, The other commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the said Subsidie, shal certifie

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certifie into the said Exchequer, by their writing or writings indented, to be made as is aforesaid, the grosse & several summes; set and taxed within the places to them limited, for the said Subsidie, and other fines, amerciaments, penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by their said writings indented, to certifye at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the said Subsidie, fines, amerciaments and other forfeitures, growing or set by reason of the causes of their lettes, or of their not certifying as is aforesaid, or els in default thereof, Procelle to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties said Exchequer, against the said commissioners, and euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesaid, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the said Exchequer.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that the inhabitants of the Parish of S. Martin called Stamford Baron, in the suburges of the Borough & towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Welands, which hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsidie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie her heires and successors, shall be assessed, rated and taxed for this time, by such Commissioners, which shall bee appointed for the taxing, rating and selling of the Subsidie within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this time contributorie, and pay the said Subsidie, to the Collector or Collectors, which shalbe assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgesles of the said Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Provided alwaies and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that all and euery person & persons having Mannors, Landes, Tenements and other Hereditaments chargeable to the payment of the Subsidie graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this Acte, and also having spirituall possessions chargeable to her said Maiestie, by the graunt made by the Clergie of this Realme, in their Conuocation, and ouer this, having substance in Goods and Cattelles chargeable by this said Act, that then if any of the said person or persons bee hereafter charged, assessed and taxed for the said Mannors, Landes and Tenements, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged & taxed for his & their goods & cattels, that then he or they shalbe only charged by vertue of this act, for his and their

their said Mannors, Landes, Tenements, Hereditamentes and spirituall possessions or onely for his said goods, and cattels, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Act contened to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prorided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsidie or any thing therein contened, in any wise extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Iernesey, and Garnesey or any of them, of, for or concerning any Mannors, Lands, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels or other moueable substance, which the said inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vse haue, within Ireland, Iernesey and Garnesey, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the said inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maestie, for their attendance and doing seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Ireland, Iernesey and Garnesey, or in any of them: Any thing in this present Act, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Prorided also, that this present Acte of Subsidie, ne any thing therein contened, extend to any of the English inhabitants or resiaunts in any of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the town of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or to any of them, of, for or concerning any Mannors, Landes, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels or other moueable substance, which the same English inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwick, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the said English inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maestie, for their attendance or doing seruice to the Queenes Maestie, for or within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, & the Bishopricke of Durham or any of them, to or for the said taring, leuying, gathering or payment: But that the English inhabitants and resiaunts, and euery of them of the said Counties, Bishopricke and Townes, and euery of them, shall be of and from the saide subsidie and euery percell thereof only for their Mannors, Landes, Tenements, fees, Wages, Goods and Cattels, lying and being in the said Counties,

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tyes, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them utterly acquy-
ted and discharged, Any thing in this present Acte before re-
hearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all letters patentes graunted by the
Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble progenitours, to
any Cities, Boroughes or Townes within this Realme, of any
maner of libertie, priuiledges or exemptions from the burden
and charge of any such grauntes of subsidies, which be at this
present time in force and vailleable, shall remaine good and effec-
tuall to the said Cities, Boroughes and Townes hereafter, ac-
cording to the purporses thereof, although the inhabitantes of
the same, and also the said corporations, shal vpon the great and
weightie consideration of the graunt abouesaide, bee for this
graunt charged & contributozie, in like maner, forme and sort,
as other Cities, Boroughes and Townes, which be not in any
wise priuiledged, but by this acte charged.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie afore-
said, That no Orphant or Infant, within the age of xxi. yeeres,
borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe
charged to any payment of this subsidie, for his or her goods &
cattels to him or her left or bequethed, Any thing in this acte
conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this acte, nor any thing therein contei-
ned, shall extende to the goods or landes of any Colledge, Hall
or Hostell within the Uniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge,
or any of them, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Woin-
ton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the goods or landes
of the Colledges of Eaton next Wyndsoz, or to the landes, tene-
ments or reuenewes onely assigned or appointed for the susten-
tation and liuing of the pooze knightes, founded in the Castle
or Colledge of Wyndesoz by our late soueraigne Lorde king
Henry the eight, or to any of the goods or cattels of the sayde
knightes or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any com-
mon free Grammer schoole within the Realme of Englande or
Wales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster or
Scholler, or any graduate resiaunt or remaining for studie
without fraude or couin within any of the saide Uniuersities &
Colledges, or Townes of Cambridge and Oxforde, or suburdes
of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants dayly at-
tending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Mi-
nister, Almshouses, or seruants belonging to any of the saide Uni-
uersities, Colledges, Halls or Hostels, and dwelling and resi-
aunt within the saide Uniuersities or either of them, or within

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either of the saide Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the suburbes of the same, without fraude or couin, or to the goods & lands of any Hospitall Heauldrien, or spitlehouse, prepared & bled for the sustentatio and reliefe of poore people, Any thing in this acte contened to y contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Þrouided also, that the said graunt of Subsidie or any thing therein contened, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any the inhabitants or resiaunts at this present time dwelling within the five portes corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to the same five portes, or to any of the same five portes, But that the inhabitantes or resiantes in the said five ports corporated, and their members, be and shalbe, of and from the said graunt & paymēt of the said subsidie, & every parcel thereof, & onely during their resiaunce there, & no longer, clerely discharged & acquitted, Any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present act had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouided also that y said graunt of Subsidie & two fifteenes and tenthes, do not in any wise extend or be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the English inhabitantes or resiantes at this present time within the liberties of Romney marthe, of or for any part of the said summes graunted in this present Parliament, of the saide English inhabitantes nowe there resiant, or any of them to bee taxed, set, asked, leuied or payed, But that the said English inhabitantes, and now resiantes of Romney Marthe aforesaid, and euery of them be and shalbe, of and from the said graunt & payment of the said Subsidie and two fifteenes & tenthes, during their resiance there, and no longer, acquitted & discharged, Any matter or whatsoeuer thing in this present acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouided neuerthelesse, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that if any alien or stranger bozne, Denizen or not Denizen, and dwelling or inhabiting within this Realme of England, shal assigne or conuey ouer vnto any his or their childe or children bozne within this said Realme of England, any his or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, to the intent therby to defraude the Queenes Maiestie of her said subsidie of or for the same, that then all & euery such childe or childre so being seised of any such lāds or tenemēts, or possessed of any such goods or chattels, shalbe charged & chargeable to & with the payment of double the said subsidie for the same lands, tenements, goods & cat-tailes, at the said rates and values as Aliens and strangers, Denizens or not Denizens are before limited and appointed to pay.

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An acte for the Queenes

*Maiesties most gracious, generall, and
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The Queenes most excellent Maiestie, well perceyving and vnderstanding that her louing subiectes by many and sundry wayes & meanes, haue of late diuersly offended against the good lawes and Statutes of this her highnes Realme, and therby are fallen into grieuous paines, forfeitures and penalties, out of which they can not be deliuered, but onely by her Maiesties great mercy: And withall, considering that Iustice and Mercie doe chiefly appertayne to her Princely estate and functio, to be deliuered and distributed to her subiectes as occasion shal serue: And at this present her highnesse by Gods prouidence, being rather inclined with mercie and clemencie to allare, prouoke and stirre her subiectes to liue and continue in their due obedience towarde her Maiestie, then otherwise by seuerie iustice to correct them according to their desertes, and the seueritie of her lawes: and hauing a speciall trust and confidence in her saide louing subiectes, that they will from henceforth, diligently apply and endeuour them selues to serue her Maiestie in al obedience & due obseruance of her Maiesties lawes, hath thought it conuenient at this time, with her highnesse free and generall Pardon, to discharge her sayde subiectes of many great paynes, forfeitures and penalties, wherewith they stande nowe charged and chargeable, by reason of their manifolde offences, disobedience and contemptes. And therfore her highnesse of her most gracious disposition is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliamēt, in maner and fourme folowing: That is to say, that all and euery the sayde Subiectes, as well Spirituall

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as Temporall of this her highnesse Realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Ierne and Barneley, & the Towne of Barwicke, the heires, successours, executors and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodys in any maner of wise corporated, Cities, Borowghes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages, Hamlettes and Tithings, and euery of them, and the Successour and Successours of euery of them, shalbe by the auctoritie of this present Parliament acquitted, pardoned, released and discharged against the Queenes Maiestie, her heires & successours, and euery of them, of al maner of Treasons, Felonies, Offences, Contempts, Trespasses, Entries, wrongs, deceites, Misdemeanours, forfeitures, penalties and summes of money, paynes of death, paynes corporall and pecuniarie, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarrelles, suites, iudgements and executions in this present Acte hereafter not excepted nor forepysed, which may bee or can bee by her highnesse in any wise or by any meanes pardoned before and vnto the first day of Januarie last past, in this present xxiii. yeere of her most gracious reigne, to euery or any of her said subiectes, bodys corporated, Cities, Borowghes, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, Villages and Tithings, or any of them.

And also the Queenes Highnesse is contented, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that her saide free Pardon shalbe as good and effectuell in the Lawe to euery of her sayde subiectes, bodys corporate, and other before rehearsed, in, for and against all things which be not hereafter in this present Acte excepted and forepysed, as the same Pardon shoulde haue beene, if all offences, contempts, forfeitures, causes, matters, suits, quarrels, iudgements, executions, penalties and al other thinges not hereafter in this acte excepted and forepysed, had bene particularly, singularly, specially & plainly named, rehearsed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names in their kindes, natures & qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requisite to haue beene put in and expresse in this present Acte of free Pardon: And that her sayde subiects nor any of them, nor the heires, executors or administratours of any of them, nor of the sayd bodys corporate & other before named and rehearsed, nor any of them be, nor shall be sued, vexed or inquieted in their bodys, goods, cattels, lands or tenements, for any maner of matter, cause, contempt, misdemeanor, forfeiture, trespass, offence, or any other thing suffered, done or committed before the sayd first day of Januarie against her

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her Highnesse, her Crowne, Dignitie, prerogative, Lawes or Statutes, But onely for such matters, causes and offences as be rehearsed, mentioned, or in some wise touched in the exceptions of this present Acte hereafter mencioned to be forepysed and excepted, and for none other, Any Statute or statutes, Lawes, Customes or Usages heretofore had, made or vled to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And the Queenes Highnesse of her bounteous liberalitie, by
 þ authoritie of this present Parliament graunteth, and freely
 giueth to euery of her laide Subiectes, and to euery of the laide
 bodiees corporate and other befoze rehearsed, and euery of them,
 all Goodes, Cattels, Debtes, fines, Issues, Profittes, Amerci-
 amentes, Forfaitures and Summes of money by any of them
 forfeited, which to her Highnes do oꝛ shoulde belong oꝛ apper-
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 committed by them oꝛ any of them, befoze the laide first day of
 Januarie, which be not hereafter in this present Acte forepꝛised
 and excepted: And that all and euery the Queenes layd Sub-
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 the lawes of this realme pleade and minister this present acte of
 free pardon foꝛ his oꝛ their discharge of and foꝛ euery thing that
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 Plea, Matter oꝛ Iudgement foꝛ the parties discharged in that
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And furthermore, the Queenes highnesse is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that her sayde free Pardon, by the generall woordes, clauses and sentences before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed, adiudged, expounded, allowed & taken in all maner of Courtes of her Highnesse & else where, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler her sayde Subiectes, bodies corporate & others before rehearsed, and to euery of them in all thinges not in this present Acte excepted or forepylled, without any Ambiguities, questiō, or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, objected or alleaged by the Queene our Souereigne Ladie, her

heires or successours, or by her or any of their general Attourney or Attourneys, or by any person or persons for her Highnes or any of her heires or successours.

And further it is enacted by the Queene our souereigne Lady, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that if any Officer or Clarke of any of her Highnesse Courtes commonly called the kings Benche, Chauncerie & common place or of her Exchequer, or any other officer or clarke of any other of her highnes Courtes within this Realme, at any time after the last day of this present Session of Parliament, make out or write out any maner of writtes, Processe, Sommons or other Preceptes, whereby any of the sayde Subiectes, or any of the sayde bodys corporated, or others before rehearsed, or any of them shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distrayned, commoned or otherwise bered, inquieted or griued in his or their bodies, landes, Tenementes, Goods or Cattels, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this Acte of free pardon: Or if any Sheriffe or Escheator, or any of their Deputie or Deputies, or any Bailiffe or other Officer whatsoeuer, by colour of his or their office or otherwile, after the sayde last day of this present Session of Parliament, doe leuie, receyue, take or withholde of or from any person or persons, any thing pardoned or discharged by this Acte, that then every such person so offending, and there of lawfully convicted or condemned by any sufficient testimonie, witnesse or prooffe, shall yeelde and pay for recompence thereof to the partie so griued or offended therby, his or their treble damages, besides all costs of the suite, & shall also forfeite and lose to the Queenes Maiestie, for every such default, ten poundes. And neuerthelesse, all & singuler such writts, processe and preceptes so to be made, for or vpon any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by this present Acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

Except and alwayes forepysed out of this generall and free pardon all and all maner of high treasons, and other offences committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes most Royall person, and all conspiracies and confederacies trayterously had, committed or done by any person or persons against the Queenes Maiesties Royall person.

And also excepted all and every maner of treasons committed or done by any person or persons in the parties beyond the seas, or in any other place out of the Queenes dominions, & also all Suites, pmysshments, Executions, paymes of death, Forfeitures and Penalties, for or by reason or occasion of any the treasons

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And also excepted and forepysed out of this generall pardon, all and every offences of piracie & robbery done vpon the Seas, and al and every comforting, procuring or abetting of the same offences to be had, done or committed.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all maner of voluntary murders, petie treasons, and wilfull poysonings done or committed by any person or persons, and al and every the accessaries to the same offences or any of them, before the sayde offences committed.

And also excepted out of this pardon all offences of forging and false counterfeiting of any the moneyes currant within this Realme, And also all offences of vnlawfull diminishing of any the sayde moneyes by any way or meanes whatsoeuer, contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, And also all abetting, ayding, comforting or procuring of the same offences, or any of them to be committed or done.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all Burgularies committed or done in any dwelling house or houses, any person or persons then being in the sayde house and put in feare.

And also excepted all robberies done vpon, or to any man or womans person in the high way or else where, And all and singular accessaries of or to any such robberies before the sayd robbery committed.

And also al wilfull burnings of any dwelling house or houses, or of any Barne or Barnes, wherein any Corne is.

And also excepted all Rapes, and carnall Rauishments of women.

And also all rauishments & wilfull taking away or marrying of any Maide, widowe or Damoysel against her wil, or without the assent or agreement of her Parents, or of such as haue her in custodie.

And also all offences of ayding, comforting, procuring or abetting of any such rauishment, wilfull taking or marrying to be had, committed or done.

And also excepted al wilful escapes of any traitours or felons.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all persons now attaynted or outlawed of or for any treason, pety treason, murder, wilfull poysoning or robbery.

And also excepted all offences of Inuocations, Coniurations, witchcrafts, Soceries, Inchantments and Charms, and al offences of procuring, abetting or comforting of the same, and all persons now attaynted or convicted of any of the sayd offences.

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And also except al & every maner of taking from the Queenes Maiestie of any goods or cattels, or the Issues, Rents, Reuenues or profitcs of any Mannours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, which were of any Traytour, Murderer, Felon, Clarke or Clarkes attaynted, or fugitives, or of any of them.

And also except all goods and cattels in any wise forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any Treason, petit treason, murder or felonie heretofore committed or done.

And also except out of this generall pardon, al persons which the last day of this present Session of Parliamēt stand indicted of any wilfull murder, and which yet be not acquitted or discharged thereof, and all forfeitures and titles of forfeitures of any goods, cattels, landes or tenements, that now is growen or accrued, or hereafter may growe, accrue or come by any offence or offences committed or done by any such person or persons.

And also excepted out of this pardon all intrusions had, made or done by any person or persons, in or vpon any the Mannours, Landes, Tenements or other Hereditaments of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and all wastes done, committed or suffered vpon any such Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, and the wrongfull taking of any the Rents, Issues and Profitcs of the same Mannours, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments of our saide Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, And also all Suites, Accounts and Impetitions of and for the same.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all alienations of any Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments without licence, and all fines, Issues and profitcs that may or ought to growe or come to the Queenes Maiestie by reason of any such alienation without licence.

And also excepted out of this pardon all wastes committed or done in any of the Queenes Wards lands, or in the Wards lands of any of the Queenes Committees. And also all & every fine and fines for the single or double value of the marriage or marriages of all and every Ward or Wards at any time heretofore growen to the Queenes Maiestie or any her noble progenitours.

And also excepted all concealed Wards, and the lands of such Wards concealed, and all Liueries and Primer seisons, and ouster le mayns that ought to be had, done or sued for the same.

And also excepted out of this generall Pardon, al rauishments and wrongfull taking or withholding of any of the Queenes Wards or Wards Lands, or the rents and profits of the same at

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at any time comen or growen to the Queenes hands, and euer
other thing that by reason of any ward or wards lands ought
to come or be to the Queenes Maestie, and which as yet is not
discharged.

And also excepted all fines that should or ought to growe to
the Queenes Maestie of any of her widowes that haue married
without license.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this
present Parliament, that all & euer person and persons, which
haue tendered, or ought to sue liuery out of our said Soueraigne
Lady the Queenes handes, of or for any Mannours, Landes,
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and their Liuery and Liueries out of our said Soueraigne La-
dy the Queenes handes, of his or their Mannours, Landes, Te-
nements and Hereditaments, in like maner and forme as they
and euer of them should or ought to haue done, if this Acte had
neuer bene had ne made, any article, thing or things in this pre-
sent Acte of general Pardon compyled and specified to the con-
trary notwithstanding.

And also excepted and forepysed out of this pardon, all such
persons as the last Day of this present Session of Parliament
be in prison within the Towre of London, or in the prison of the
Marshall, or in the prison of the fleete, by expresse comman-
dement from the Queenes Maestie, or by the commandement
of any of her Maesties priue Counsell.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euer such per-
son and persons, which at any time sithence the beginning of the
Queenes Maesties reygne, haue fledde out of this Realme of
England, or any other the Queenes Dominions, for any offence
of high treason, petie treason, or misprision of treason.

And also excepted al such persons as be fled or gone out of this
Realme, for any cause contrary to the Lawes and Statutes of
this realme, without the Queenes Maesties licence.

And also excepted all such persons as haue obtayned and had
licence to depart this Realme for a certaine time, and now doe
abyde out of the Realme without any lawfull excuse after the
time of their licence expired.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all and euer conceale-
ments or wrongfull deteynements of any custome or Subsidie
due to the Queenes Maestie, and all accountes, impettions
and sutes to be had, made or done for the same.

And also excepted all and singuler accompts of all and euer
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or other thing, and all accountes of euery other person whatsoeuer, that ought to be accompted to the Queenes Highnesse, or to her most Noble father King Henry the eyght, or to King Edward the sixt, or Queene Mary, or to any of them, & the heires, executors and administrators of euery such person that ought to account for all thinges touching onely the same accountes, and all and singuler arrerages of accountes, and all vntreue accountes, and all impetitions, lutes, demaundes and executions, which can or may be had, of or for any account or accountes, or any arrerages of the same.

And also excepted all inclosures, and decayes of houses of husbandrie, and the conuerting of any lande from tyllage to pasture, made, done, committed or permitted contrary to the forme and effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made.

And also excepted and forepysed out of this Pardon, all and all maner of deceites and offences of al and singuler monyers & other officers, mynters & workemen of or in any of the Queenes Maiesties myntes within this Realme or any other her Dominions, and all impetitions and punishments for the same.

And also excepted all titles and Actions of Quare impedit, and all Homages, Releefe and Releefes, Rent Seruices, Rent charges, Rentes Seckes, and the Arrerages of the same not done or payed to the Queenes Highnesse.

And also excepted all penalties, tytles and forfeitures of condition or conditions, Couenaunt or Couenauntes accrued or growen to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of the breache and not performing of any Couenant or Condition whatsoeuer.

And also excepted all summes of money graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, or to any her Noble Progenitours, by way or meane of Subsidie, fifteene or otherwise.

And also excepted out of this Pardon, all debtes which were or be due to our Soueraygne Lady the Queene, or to the most Noble King of famous memory King Henry the seventh, or to King Henry the eyght, King Edward the sixt, or to the late Queene Marie, or to any person or persons to any of their bles, by any condemnation, Recognisaunce, Obligation or otherwise (other then such debtes as are due vpon any Obligation or Recognisaunce forfeited before the sayde first day of January, for non apparaunce in any Court or other place whatsoeuer, or for not keeping of the peace, or not beyng of good behauiour) which debtes growen or accrued vpon those causes, by this free Pardon be and shalbe cleerely pardoned and discharged.

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ſingular penalties, forfeitures and ſummes of money, beyng due or accrued to our ſovereigne Lady the Queene, by reaſon of any Acte, ſtatute or ſtatutes, which forfeitures, penalties and ſummes of money be converted into the nature of debt, by any Judgement, order or decree, or by the agreement of the offender or offenders.

And alſo except all fiſt fruites and Tenthes at this preſent being due to be payed to her Maieſtie, by force of any Acte or Statute, or otherwiſe.

And alſo except all penalties and forfeitures, whercof there is any good ſherdite in any ſute given or paſt for the Queenes Maieſtie.

And alſo excepted all forfeitures, and other penalties and profits now due, accrued or growen, or which ſhall or may bee due, accrued or growe to the Queenes Maieſtie, by reaſon of any offence, viſdemour or contempt, or other acte or doede, had, ſuffered, committed or done contrary to any act, ſtatute or ſtatutes, or contrary to the common Lawes of this Realme, and whercof any action, byll, playnt or information before the firſt day of this ſeſſion of Parliament, hath bene exhibited, commenced or ſued in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courtes at Weſtmiſter, and is now there depending.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all offences of perjurie and ſubornation of witneſſes, and all offences of forging and counterfeiting of any falſe deedes, eſcriptes or writings, and all procuring or counſelling of any ſuch counterfeiting or forging to be had or made.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all and every offence or offences touching or concerning the carrying, ſending, or conveying over the ſeas or out of this Realme, of any golde, ſilver, iewels, or any copen of golde or ſilver, contrary to the lawes or ſtatutes of this Realme, unleſſe it were or be by the Queenes licence.

And alſo excepted out of this pardon, all offences of inceſt, adultery and fornication.

And alſo excepted all offences, wherby any perſon may be charged with the penalty and danger of premunire, and of the which offences or offences any perſon ſtandeth already indicted, or otherwiſe lawfully condemned or convicted.

And alſo excepte out of this generall pardon, all offences, contemptes, diſorders, couins, fraudes, deceites and miſdemourours whatſoever heretofore committed or done by any perſon or perſons, and whercof or for the which, any ſute by byll, playnt or information, at any time within ſoure yeeres next before the laſt

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day of this present Session of Parliament, hath bene or is com-
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minster, and there is yet depending.

And also except and forepiled out of this pardon, all issues,
fines and amerciamentes, assented, taxed, sette, extreated or en-
tered severally or particularly touching or concerning any one
person or moe persons jointly or severally, being above y^e summe
of five poundes.

And also except all issues, fines and amerciamentes returned,
assented, taxed, sette or entered severally or particularly in any
Court of Record at Westminster, at any time sithence y^e first day
of Michaelmas terme last past.

And yet neuerthelesse all other fines, as wel fines pro licentia
concordandi, as other sette, taxed, estreated or entred before the
sayd first day of Michaelmas terme last past, And also al issues,
fines and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, eyther within a-
ny liberties or without, being sette, taxed, estreated or entred be-
fore the saide first day of Michaelmas terme, and which severally
or particularly extende to the summe of five pounde, and not
above, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge
of y^e Sheriffe, or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extrea-
ted, or whether they be turned into debt or not turned into debt,
and not being leuied nor reteuied by any Sheriffe, vnder She-
riffe, Bailiffe, minister or other officer or officers, to the Queenes
Maiesties vse before the last day of this present Session of Par-
liament, shalbe freely, clearly and plainly pardoned and dis-
charged against the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and succe-
sours for ever, by force of this present Acte of free pardon.

And yet neuerthelesse all extreates of such fines, issues and
amerciamentes, as be now pardoned by this Acte, and which be
alreadie extreated forth of the Court of Exchequer, and be re-
maining in the handes of the Sheriffes, vnder Sheriffes or
Bailiffes for collecting of the same fines, issues and amercia-
ments, shall vpon the retorne of the same extreates, be orderly
charged and deliuered by scrowes into the office of the Pipe
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to the intent that thereupon order may be taken, that her Maie-
stie may be the moze truly answered of all such fines, issues and
amerciamentes not by this Acte pardoned, and which any She-
riffe, vnder Sheriffe, Bailiffe or other officer or minister hath re-
ceyued by force or colour of any such extreate, processe or pre-
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accomptant vpon his or their petition or petitions to be made for the allowance of any such fines, issues and amerciements as by this Acte is pardoned, shall haue all and euery such his and their petition allowed in his account, without paying any fee or rewarde to any officer, clarke, or other minister, for the making, entring or allowing of any such petition or petitions, any vblage or custome to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And also except out of this pardon, al goods, cattels, debts, actions & suites already forfeited, or wherof any right or title is accrued or growē to the Queenes Maiestie, by reason of any outlawry, and wherof the Queenes Maiestie by her Highnesse letters Patentes, hath before the last day of this present Session of Parliament, made any graunt, couenaunt or promise to any person or persons.

And also except all false forging or counterfeiting of any Commission or Commissions to enquire of any Landes, Tenements or Hereditaments, And also al false forging or counterfeiting of any vnttrue Certificate or returne of any Commission or Comissions obtayned or gotten forth of any Courte or Courts, to enquire of any Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, or other things whatsoeuer.

And also excepted out of this pardon, all such persons that be, and remaine stil attaynted or condemned, and not already pardoned of and for any rebellion, or leuying of warre, or of or for any conspiracie of any rebellion, or leuying of warre within this Realme, or in any the Queenes Dominions.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall and may bee lawfull to all and euery Clarke and other Officer of the Queenes Courtes, to awarde and make writtes of Capias vt legat, at the sute of the partie playntiffe against such persons outlawed as be pardoned by this acte, to the intent to compell the defendant and defendants, to make answer to the playntiffe or playntiffes, at whose sute he or they were outlawed, and that euery person so outlawed, shall sue a writte of Scire fac. against the partie or parties, at whose sute he or they were so outlawed, before this pardon in that behalfe shalbe allowed to him that so is outlawed.

Provided also, that this Acte of generall pardon, shall not in any wise extende to any person or persons, which the last daye of this present Session of Parliament, be by force of any commandement remainyng in any prison, or in any other place in speciall custodie, as persons restrayned from libertie, for their obstinacie and disobedience, in refusing to come to the Church to heare Diuine

uine seruice, or for any other matter or cause touching their wilfull obstinacie and disobedience in causes of religion or doctrine now lawfully established within this Realme, but that they and euery of them, for so long time as they shall so still continue in such their wilfull obstinacie and disobedience, shall be excepted and forepysed out of this generall pardon.

And yet neuerthelesse, whensoever the sayde persons or any of them shall willingly submitte themselves in their due obedience to her Maiestie, and will come to the Church to heare Diuine seruice, and willingly refuse their sayde wilfull obstinacie, and conforme themselves in the sayde causes of religion and doctrine, and continue in such their conformitie and due obedience to her Maiestie according as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme they ought to doe, that then and from thenceforth all and euery such person and persons so submitting and yeelding themselves in their due obedience towarde her Maiestie, and so continuing in the same, shall forthwith be receyued and enabled by force of this Acte, to haue and enioy the full benefite of this generall pardon, as largely and fully in al respects, as any other of her Maiesties good subiectes haue or ought to enioy, by vertue of this Acte of generall pardon.

And also except out of this generall pardon, all such persons as the last day of this present Session of Parliament be and remaine as persons restrayned from libertie in the custodie of any other person or persons by her Highnesse expresse commandement, for any offence or offences whatsoeuer.

And also except al other persons, which before the said last day of this Session of Parliament, haue bene, are, or hereafter shall be vpon iust cause impeached or accused of or for any such like offence or offences, wherewith those persons nowe restrayned as aforesayde, be or shalbe charged.

And also all other offences, wherewith any of those persons so impeached or accused, be or shalbe iustly charged.

And also except all offences committed or done by any person or persons, contrary to the forme and effect of the Statute made in the first yere of her Maiesties regne, touching the vniformitie of Common Prayer, & the administration of Sacramentes in the Church, and whereof any person or persons at any time, since the twentieth day of June last past haue bene, or is lawfully indicted or convicted.

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A Table of certaine Actes of this Sessio[n] of

Parliament begun the xvi. of Ianuarie, and continued vntill
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An acte for the Inning of Earith & Plumsted Marsh.

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is also printed.

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An acte for the partition of certaine lands betweene the Coheires of the Lorde Latimer.

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An acte for the reedifying of the Towne of Cringleford nere the Citie of Norwich.

3

An acte for the naturalizing of certaine

English mens children borne beyonde the seas.

4

An acte for the perfecting of assurances of certaine lands for the maintenance of a free Grammer Schole within the City of Couentrie.

5

An acte for the establisshing of an agreement betweene Sir Henry Neuill Knight, and Dame Anne Gressham widowe, for the better performing of the last will of Sir Thomas Gressham Knight deceased, and for the payment of his debts.

6

An acte for the assurance of a rent of fourescore and two poundes, and ten shillings, to the Bishop of Couentrie and Lichfelde.

7

An act for the restitution in blood of Philip Earle of Arundel.

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An act of pardon and restitution in blood of John Seintleger and Dudley Seintleger.

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An act for the restitution in blood of Anthoine Haynie Esquire.

10

An act for the assurance of certaine landes of the Lorde Compton.

11

An act ratifying a decree and an awarde in the Chauncerie touching certeine Copie holders, and Customarie Tenaunts of Mannours of Moore, Newnam, Lyndrich, Knighton, & Penlockes in the Countie of Worcester.

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An act that Gavelkinde landes within the Citie of Excester may be inheritable as landes at the common Lawe.

13

An act for ratifying of an awarde made betweene William Hide and William Darell Esquires.

14

An act concerning the Hospitall of Ledbury in the Countie of Hereford.

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